

ECFA Higgs Factories: 2nd Topical Meeting on Reconstruction

Reconstruction Needs for LLP

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Introduction

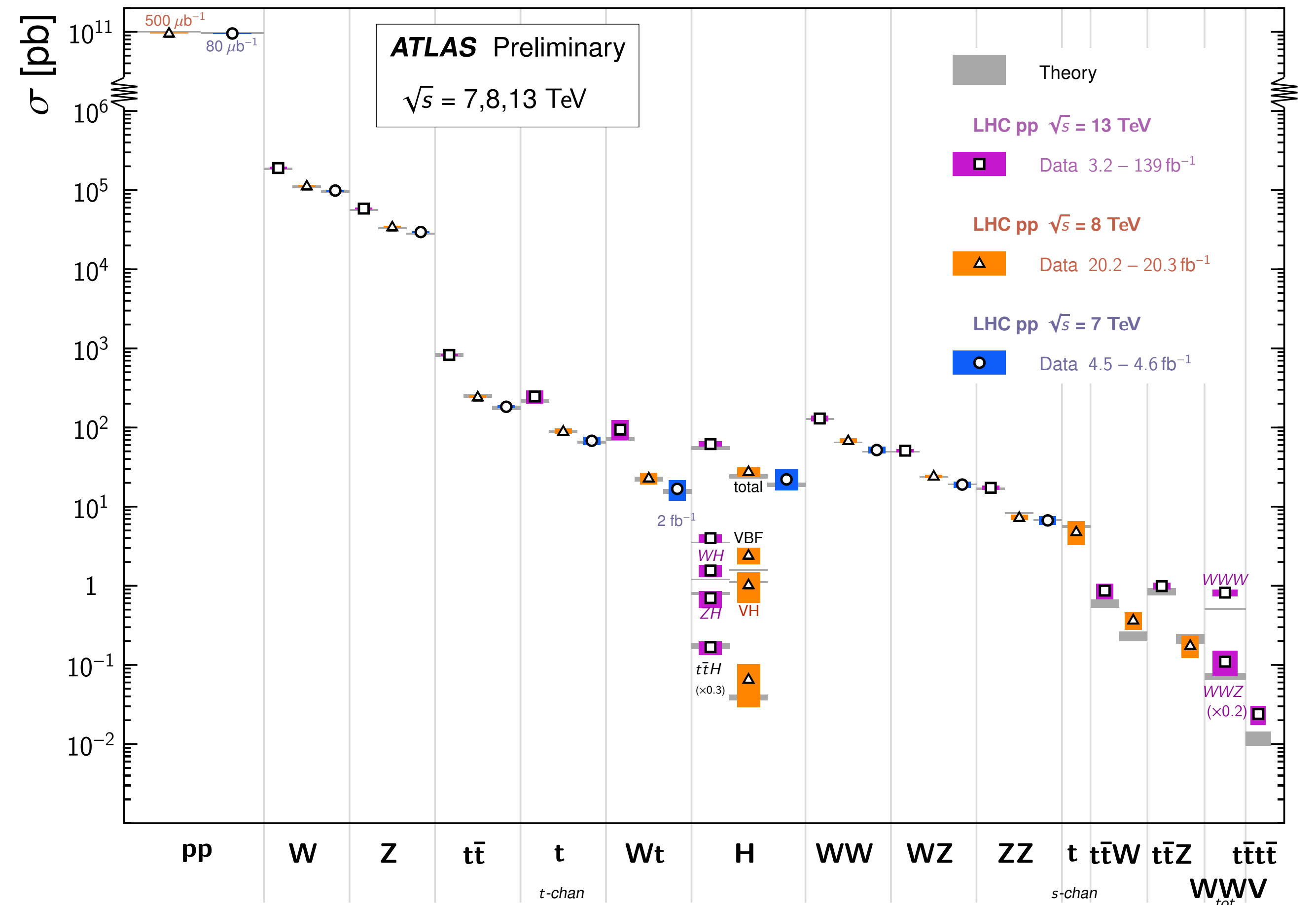
- **Standard Model (SM):** very successful theory
- Precise predictions, verified by experiment with impressive agreement with theory across orders of magnitude

- Cannot be the ultimate theory
- Several open questions in HEP

- What is Dark Matter?
- Neutrinos have a mass $\neq 0$
- Why is the Higgs so light? Hierarchy problem
- Matter and antimatter are not symmetric
- ...

Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

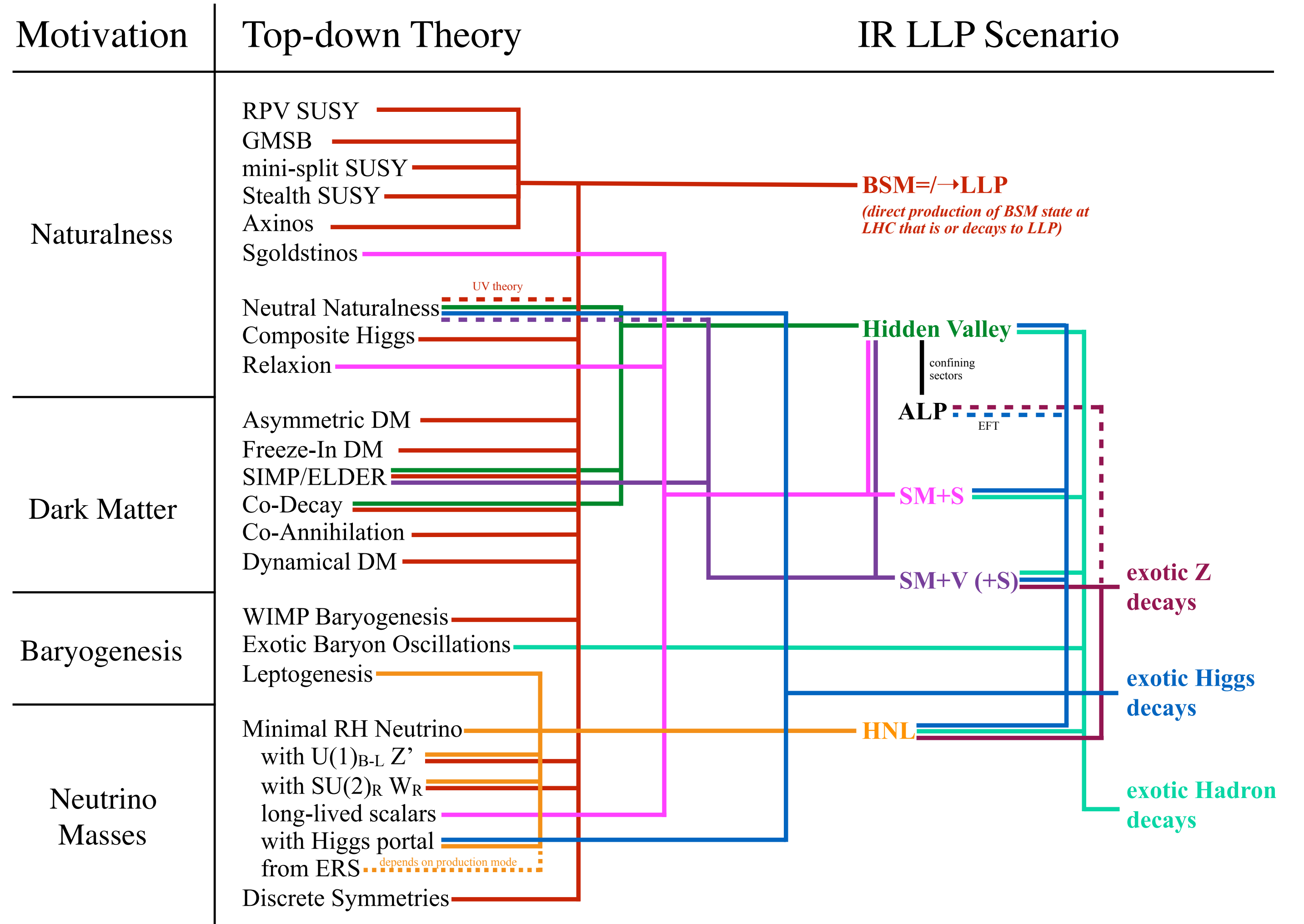
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Introduction

New physics could have long lifetimes

Signatures not visible in standard HEP searches!!



Curtin et al, 1806.07396

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That depends on:

LLP lifetime

Standard HEP detector structure

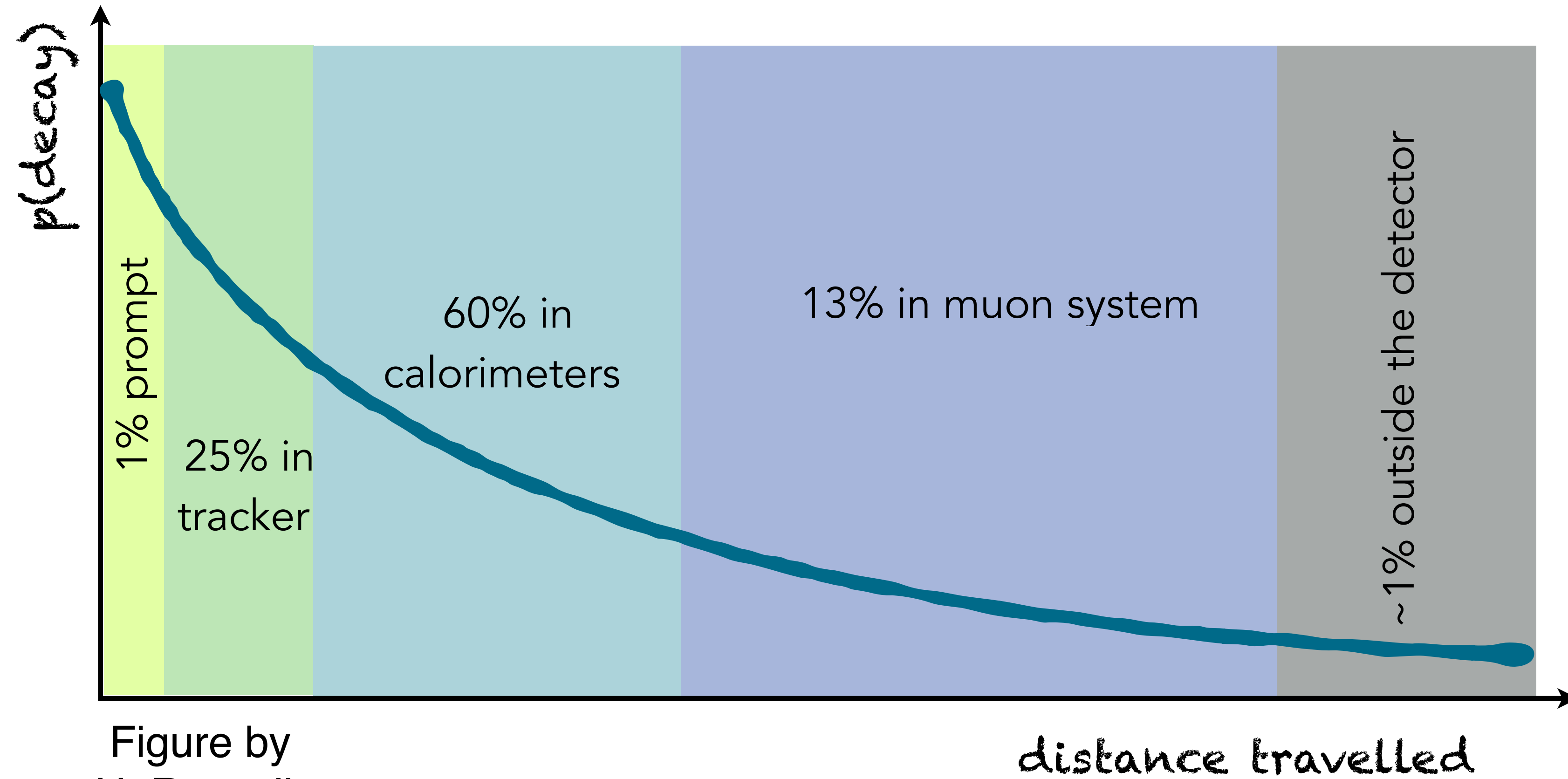
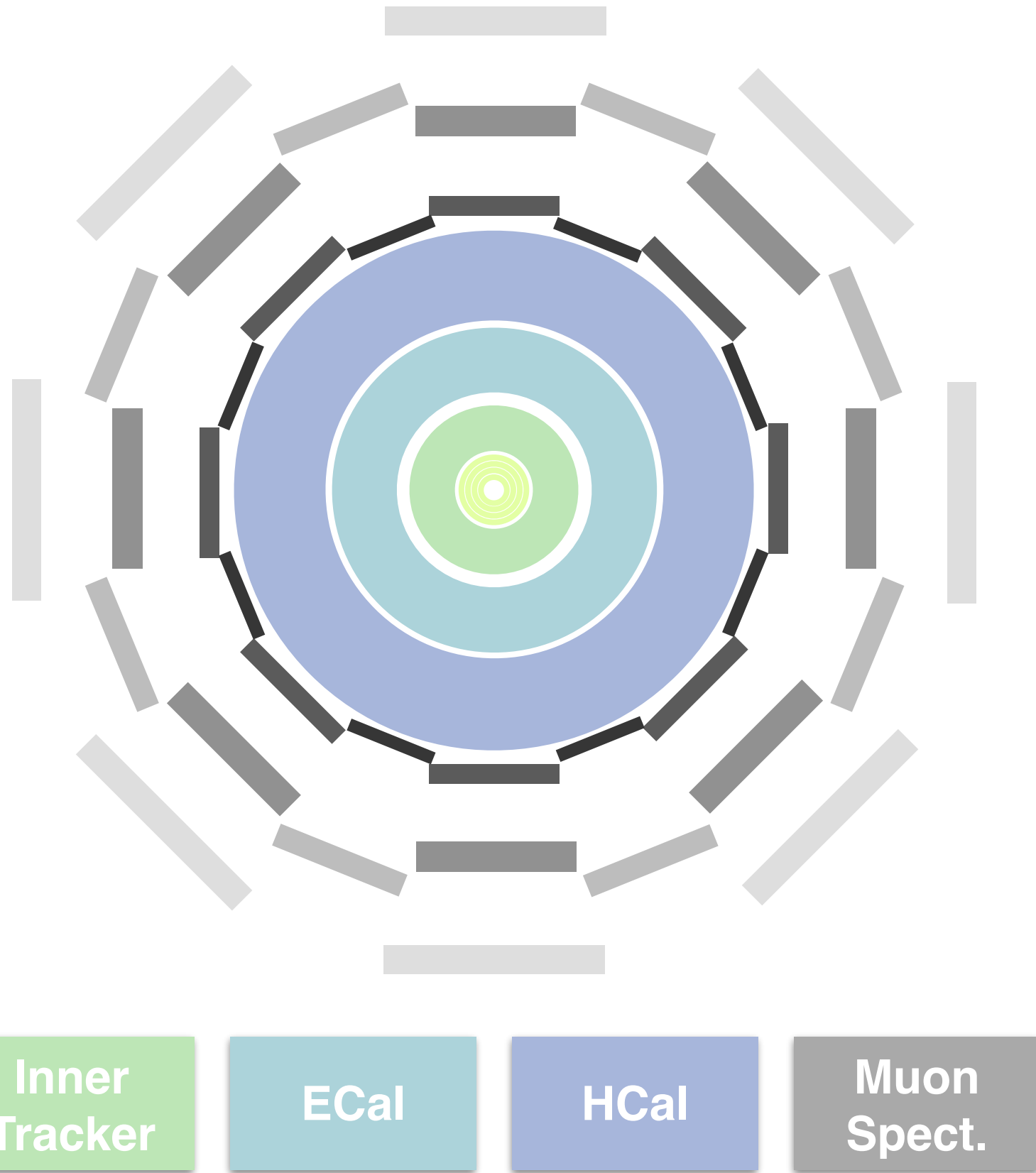


Figure by H. Russell

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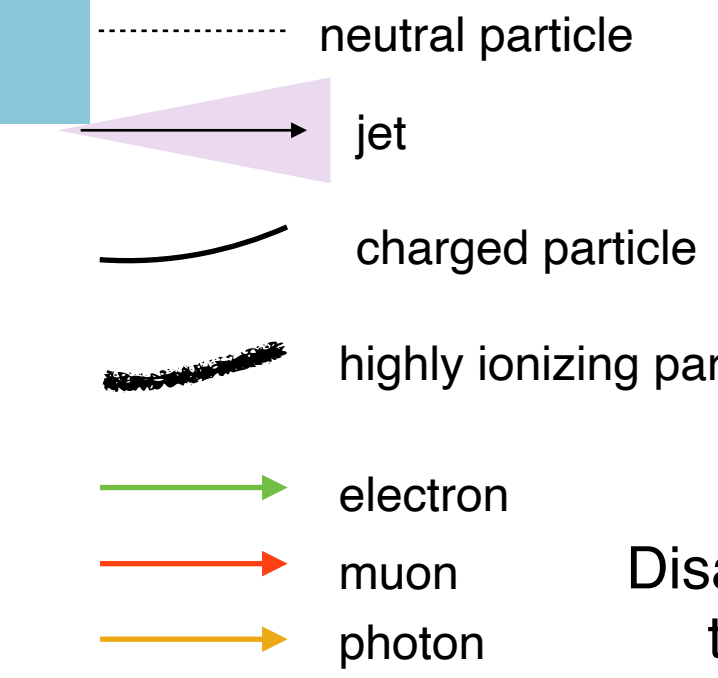
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LLP nature

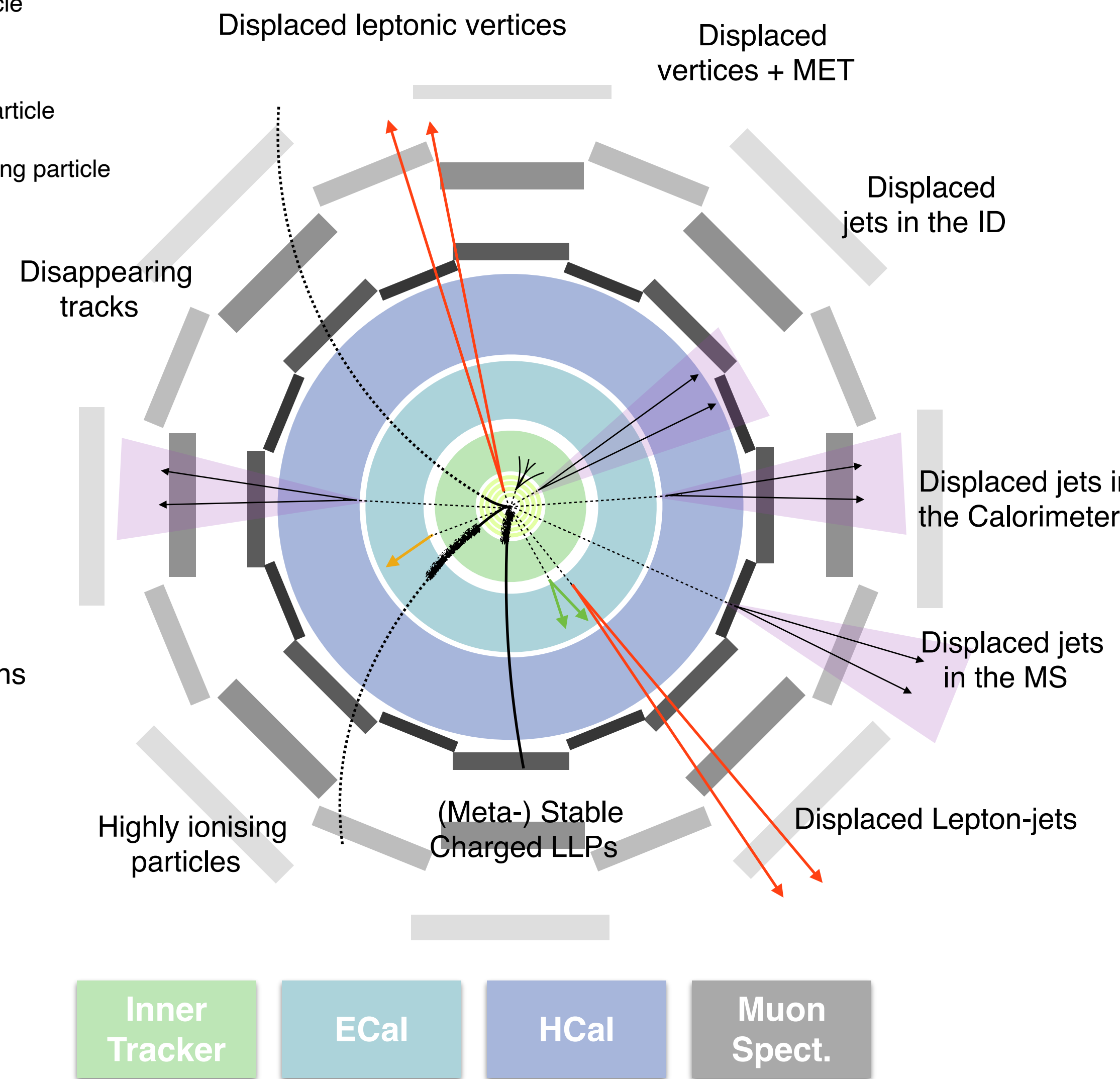
object identification

- Is it charged?
 - Does it leave a standard track?
 - Is it highly ionising?
- Is it neutral?
 - which decay mode (hadronic, leptonic, photons, invisible)?

• None of these signatures would be "seen" by a standard HEP search!



Stopped LLPs NOT IN FILLED BUNCH CROSSING



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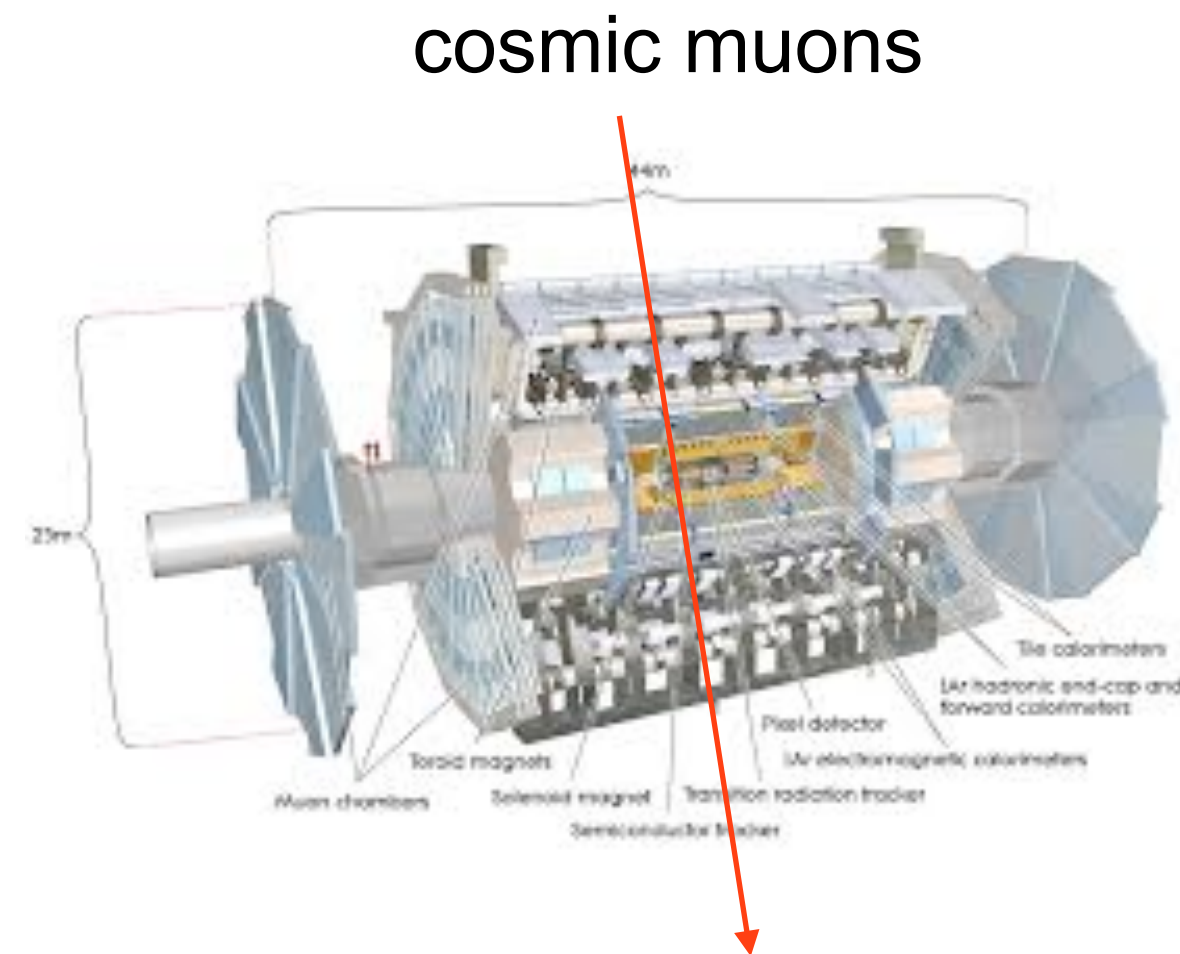
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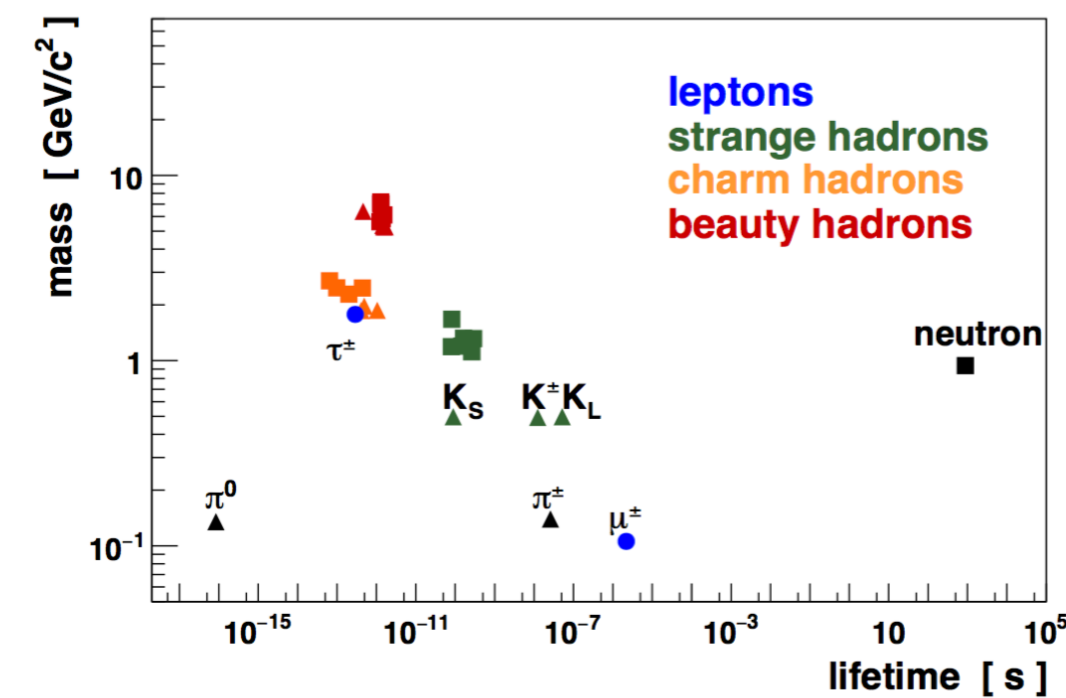
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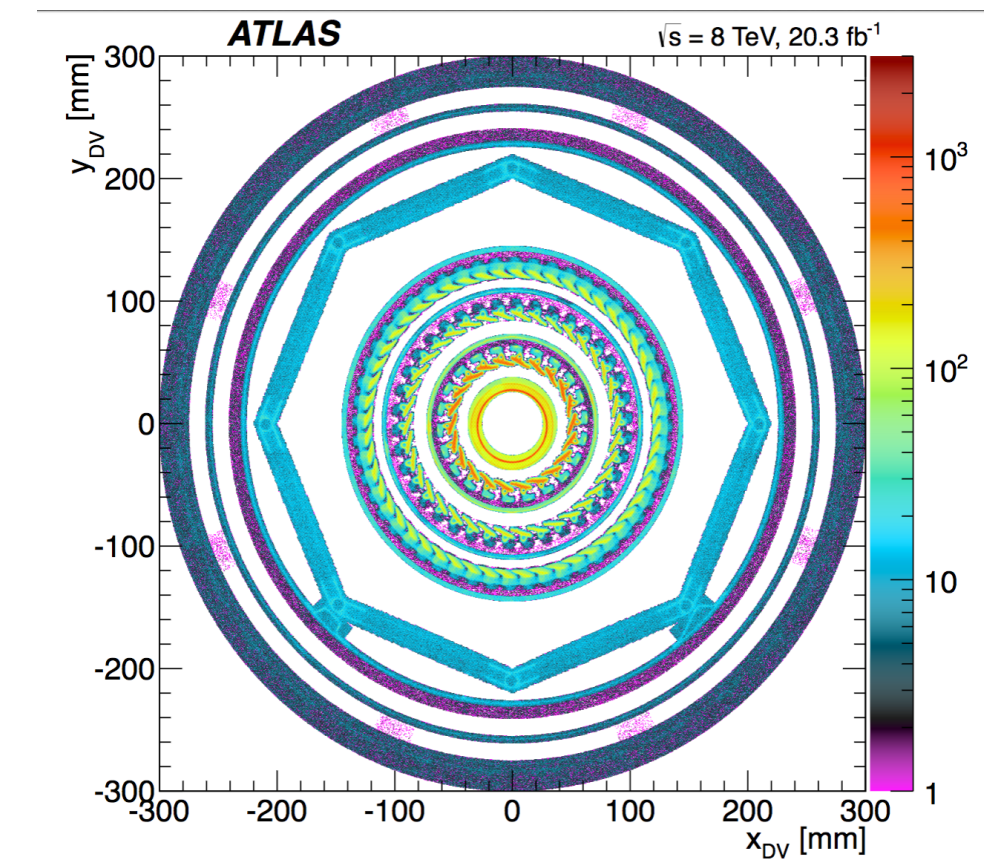
- Small or unusual backgrounds play a key role:



SM particles with relatively long lifetime



material interactions



- Need very good background identification
- For most of them, no good simulations
 - All searches rely on data-driven methods

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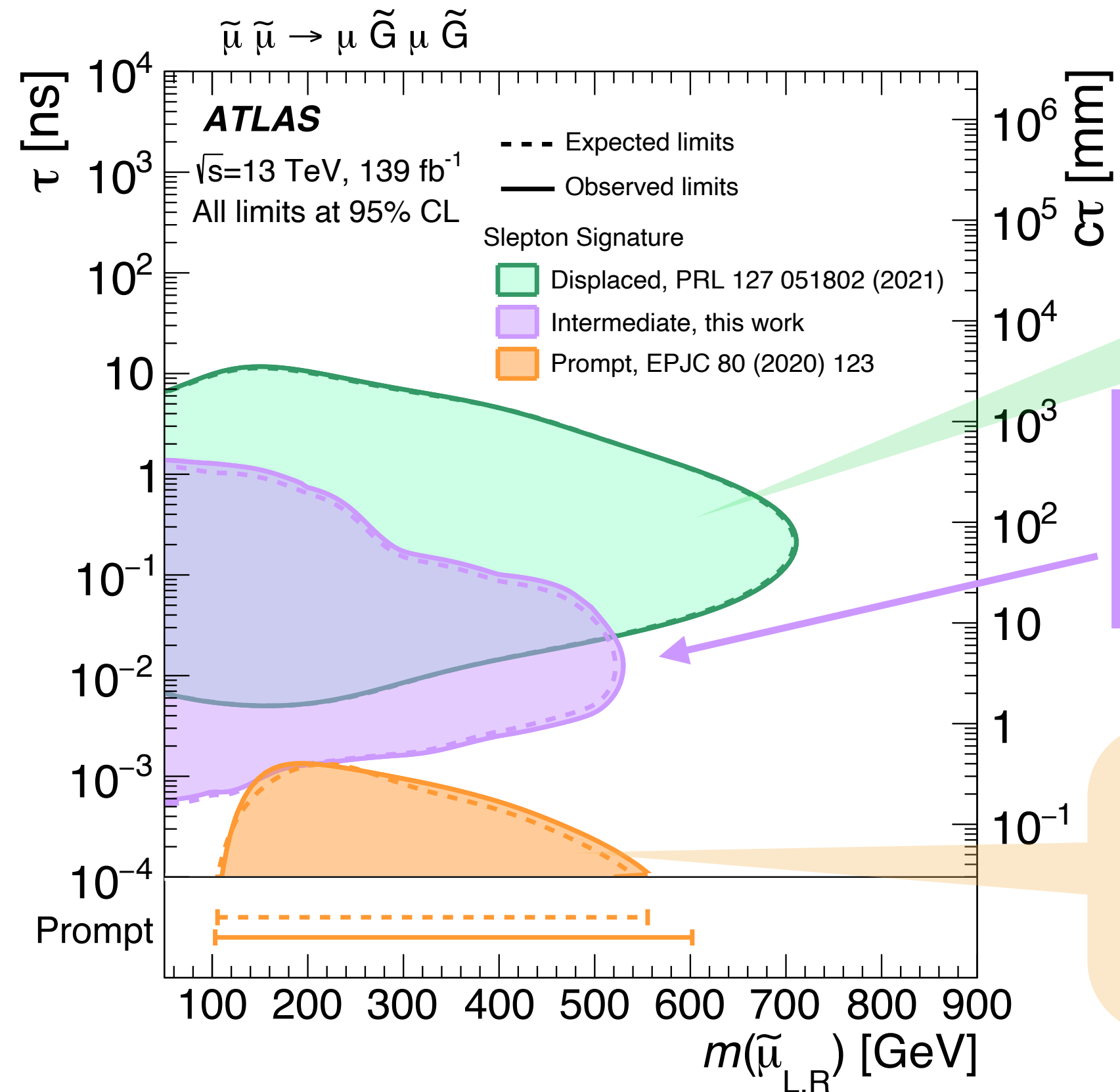
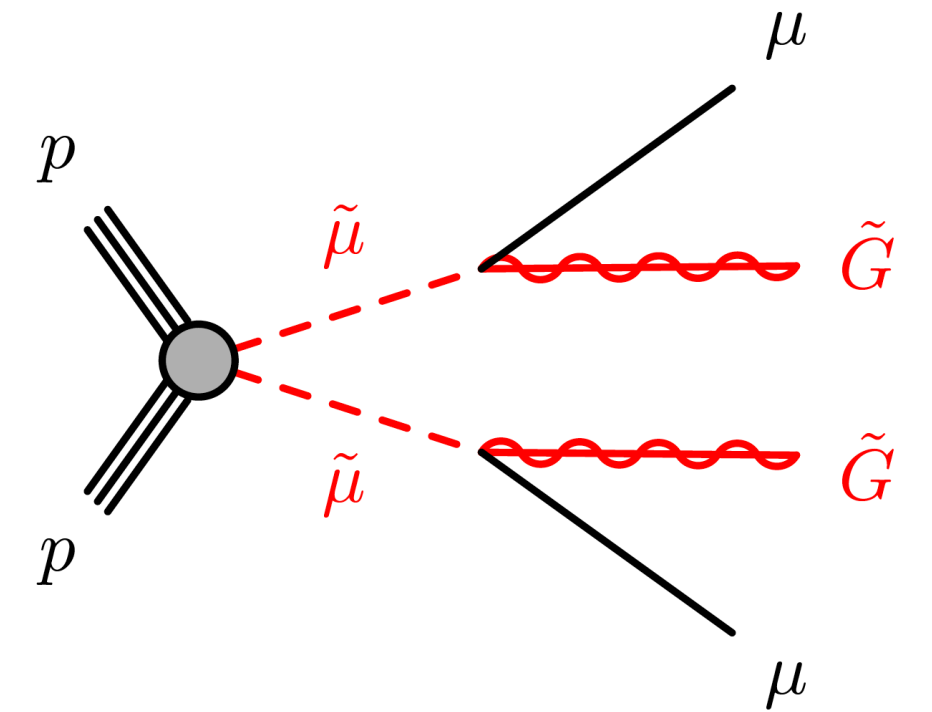
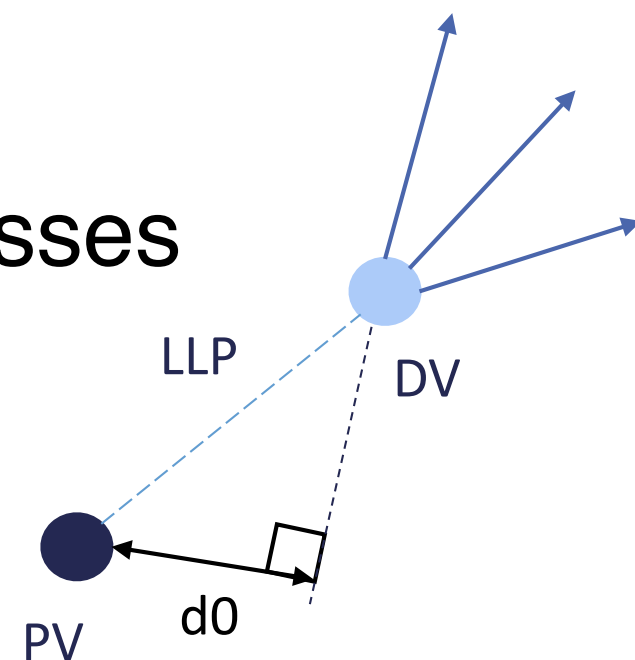
Background rejection

Reconstruction studies on specific signatures

Tracks with large impact parameters

ATLAS Micro-displaced muons

- Search for pairs of opposite charge muons with O(mm) impact parameter
- GMBS SUSY with nearly massless gravitino LSP and long-lived slepton ($\tilde{\tau}, \tilde{e}, \tilde{\mu}$ NLSP) due to small coupling to the LSP
- Signal Regions defined with large transverse impact parameter $|d_0| > 0.6$ mm
- Dominant SM background: semileptonic B -hadron decays, $bb \rightarrow \mu\mu$
 - $|d_0| > 0.1$ mm to reduce SM processes



Specific search for decays in the ID

Closing the gap between prompt and large displacement searches

Prompt search reinterpreted in LLP scenario

Tracks with large impact parameters



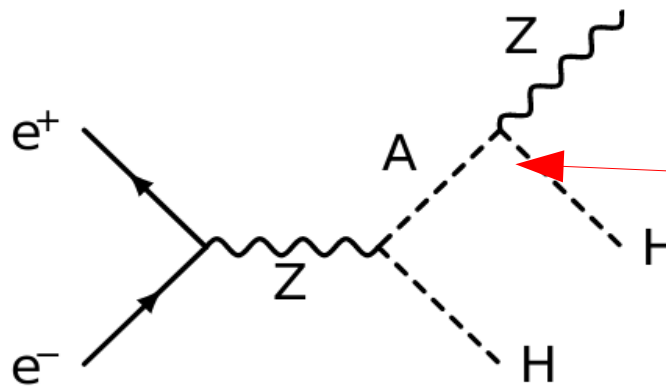
Studies at ILD

- Default cuts in track reco: $d_0, z_0 < 500$ mm
 - Strongly suppresses reconstruction of LLPs in the inner tracker!
 - Removal (or loosening) of impact parameter cuts: great efficiency recovery

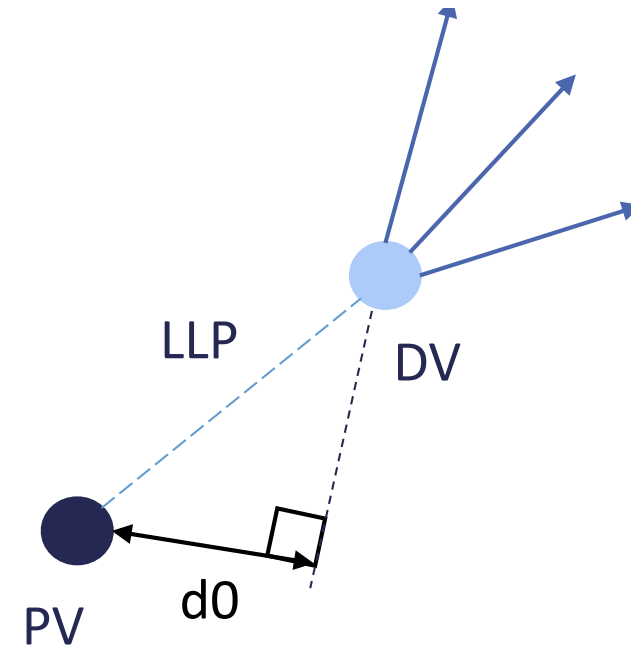
- Default d_0, z_0 cuts

- No d_0, z_0 cuts

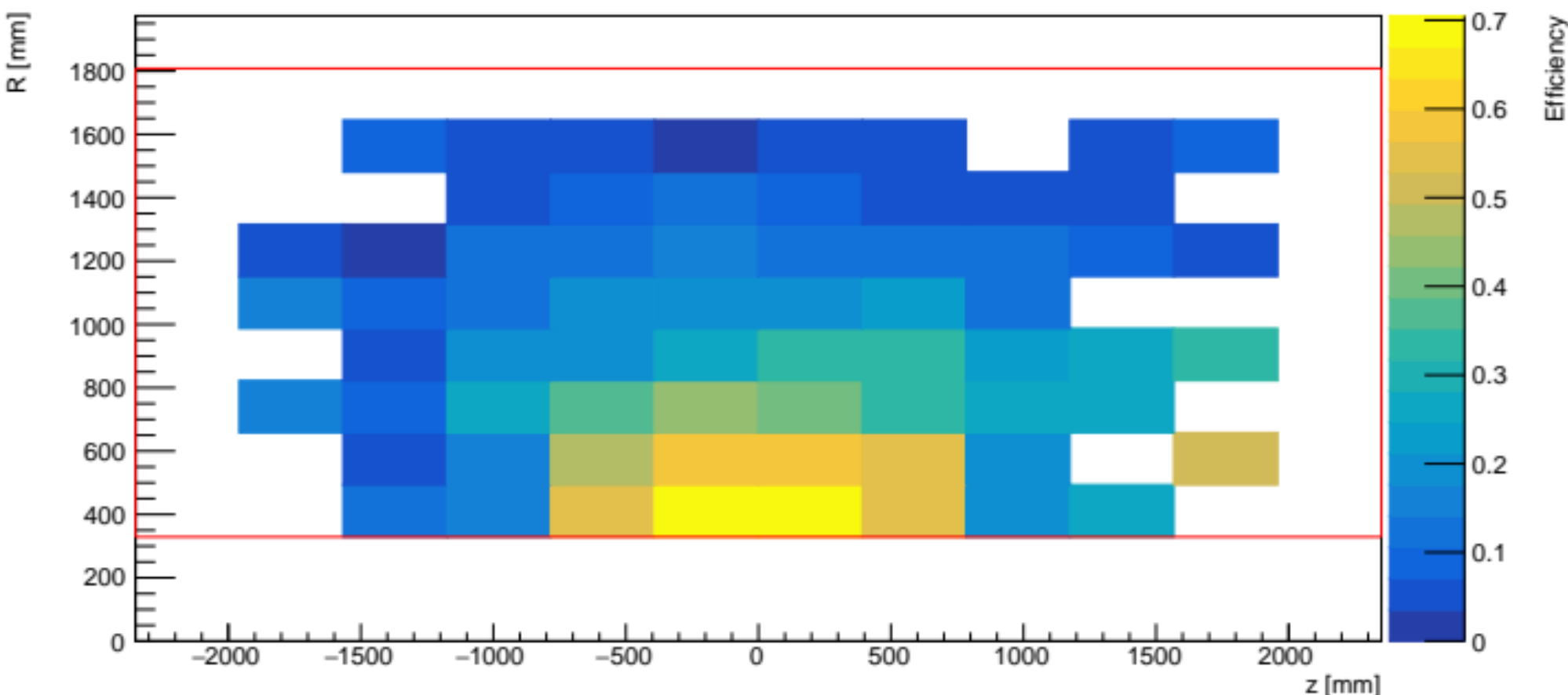
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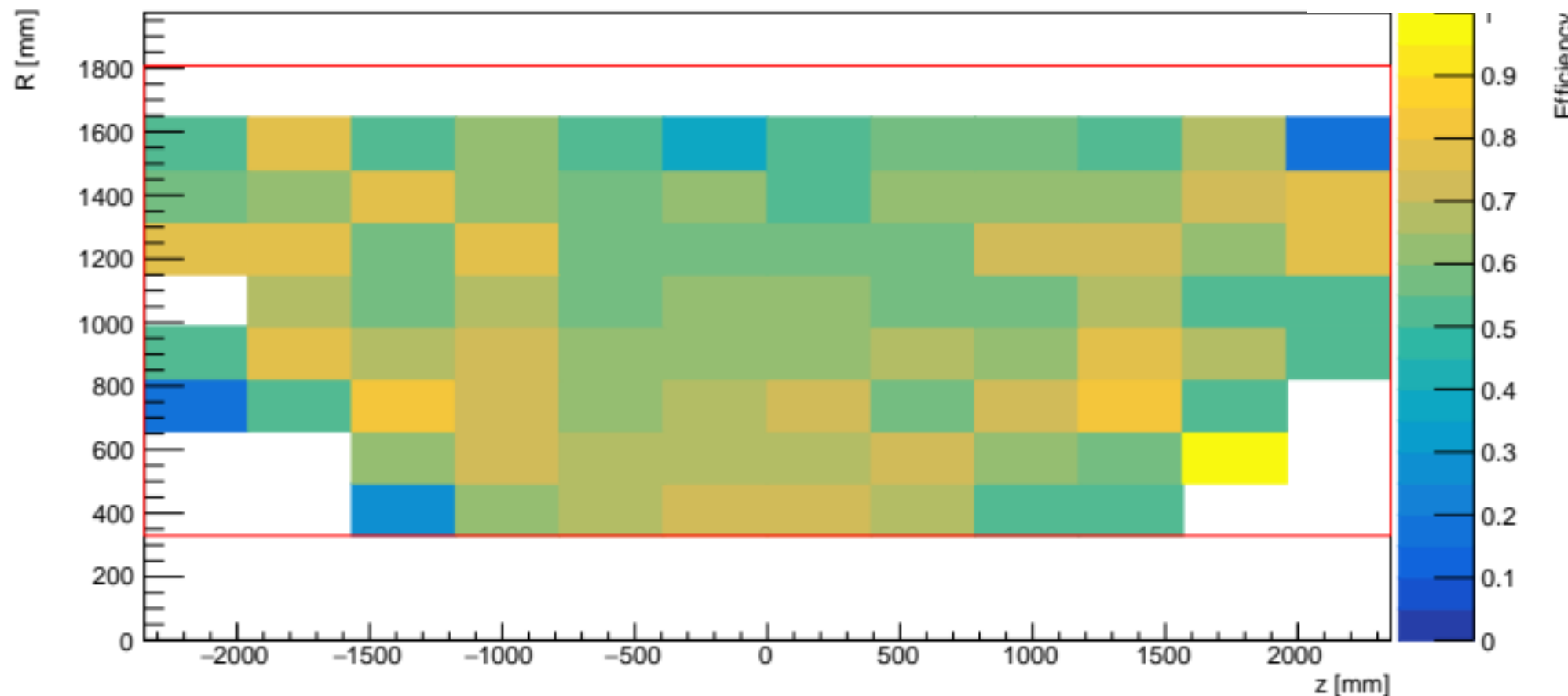
Long-lived, with $c\tau = 1$ m
 $m_A - m_H = 1, 2, 3, 5$ GeV



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$\Delta m_{AH} = 1$ GeV

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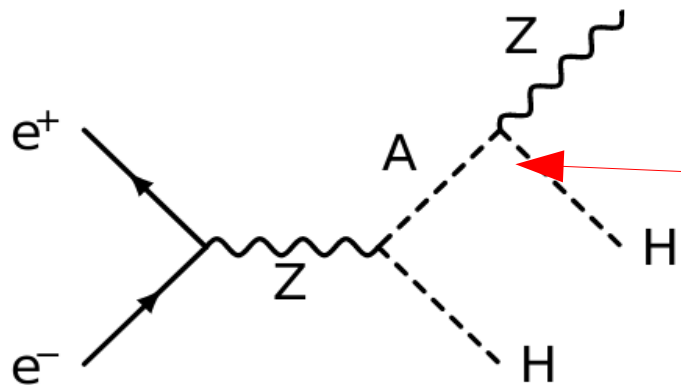
- **Inverted tracks:**
- Tracks from very soft particles often reconstructed in the wrong direction
 - Reco as opposite charge particles!!

	Px	Py	Pz
MC:	0.113	-0.339	0.061
Reco:	-0.103	0.344	-0.062

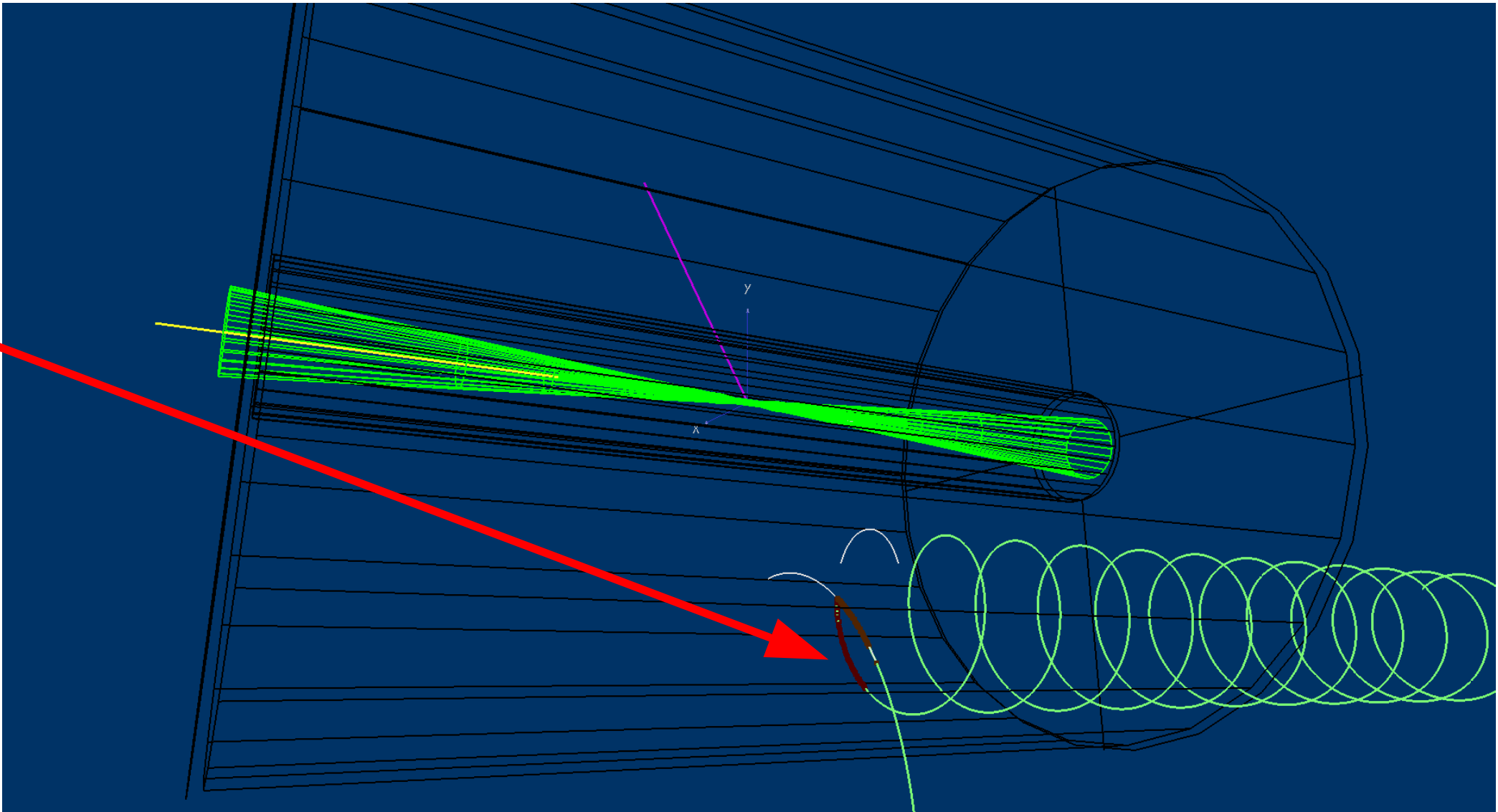
- Solution: if PZ does not point into Z coordinate of the first (last) hit, switch direction of the last (first) hit
 - Improves efficiency by ~ 10%

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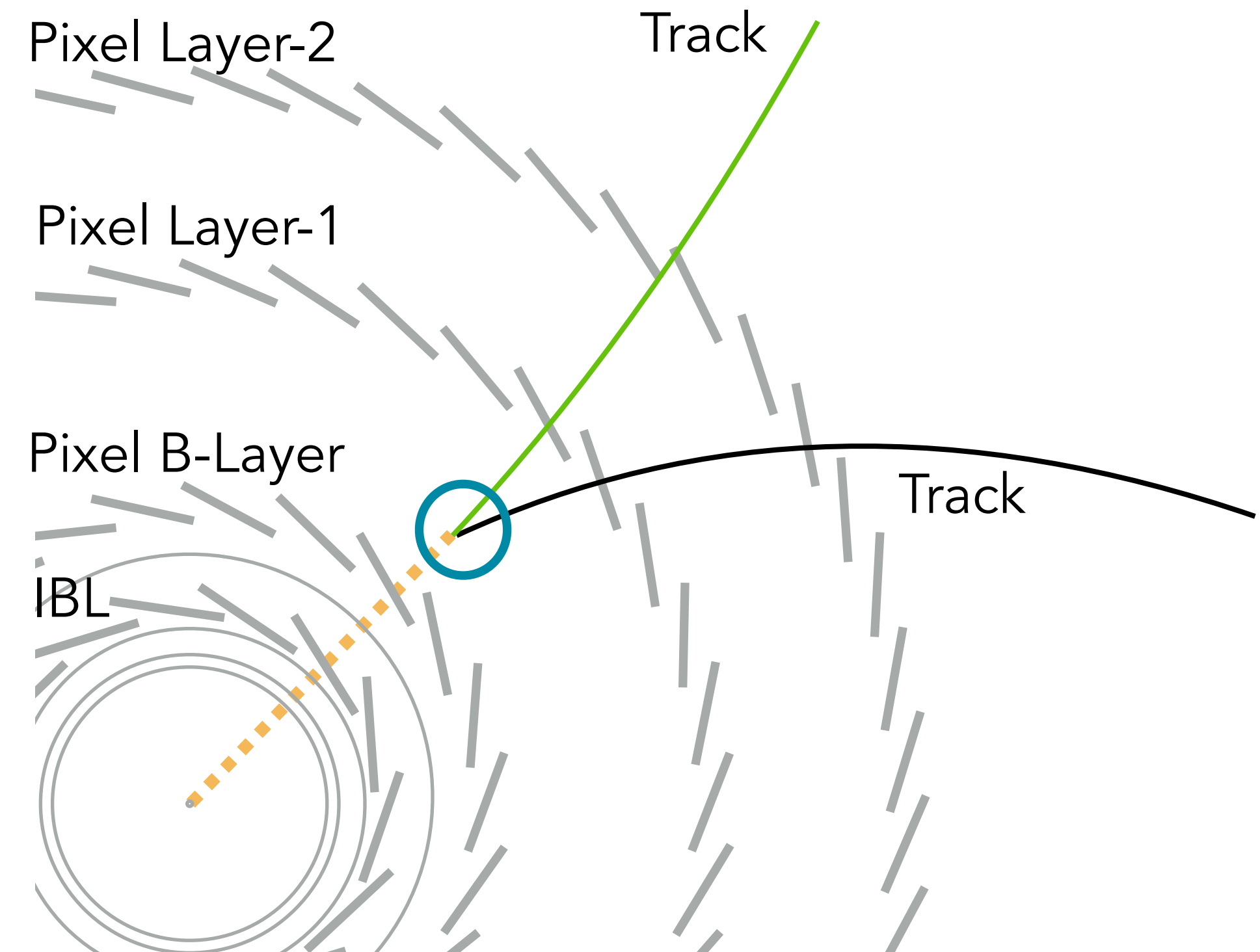
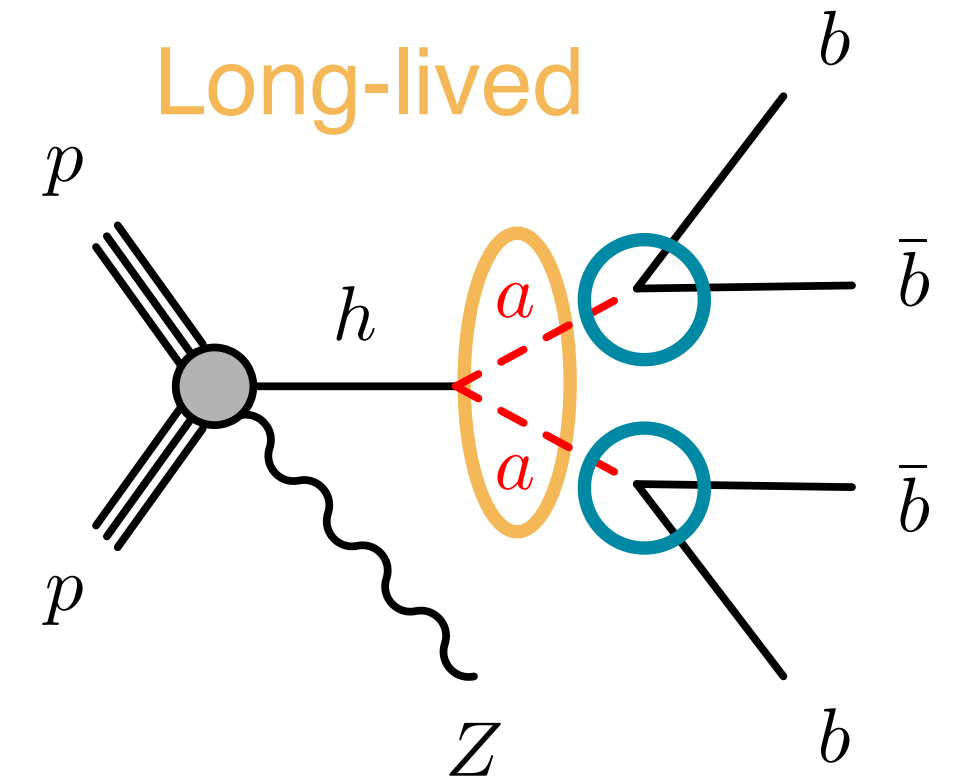
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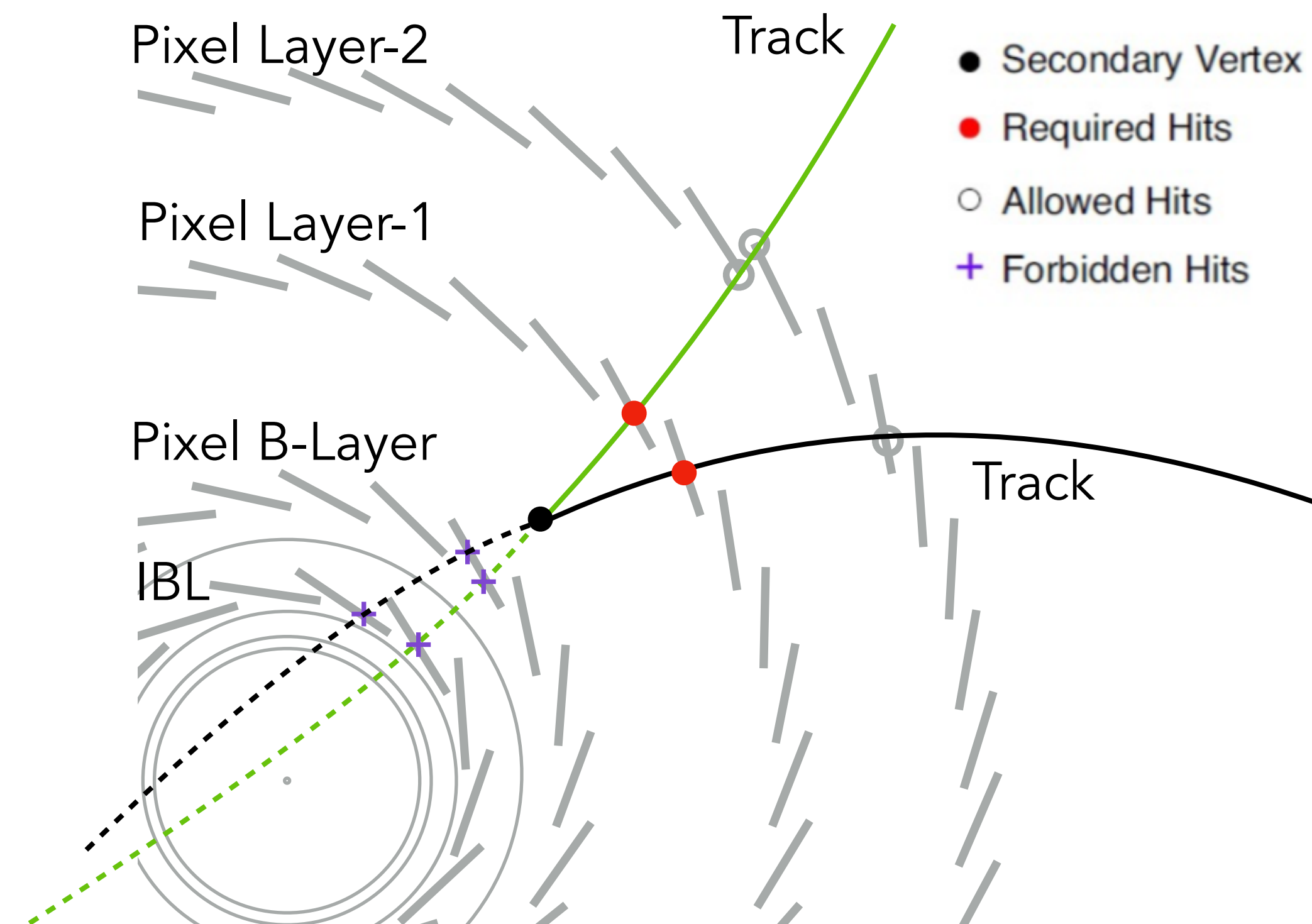
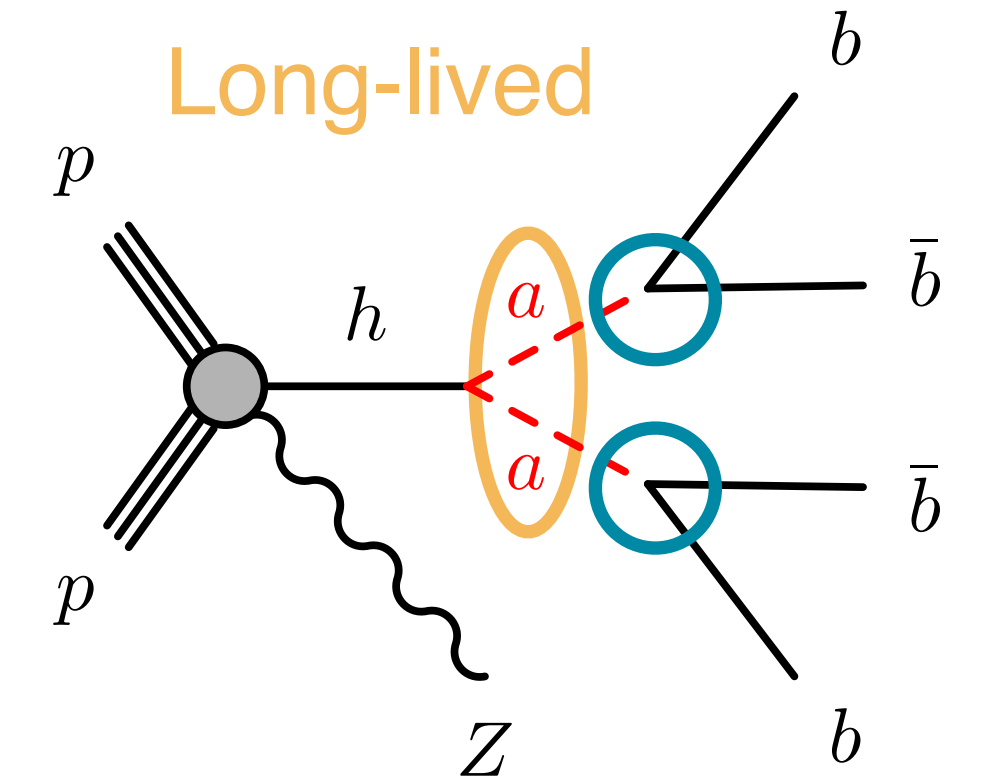
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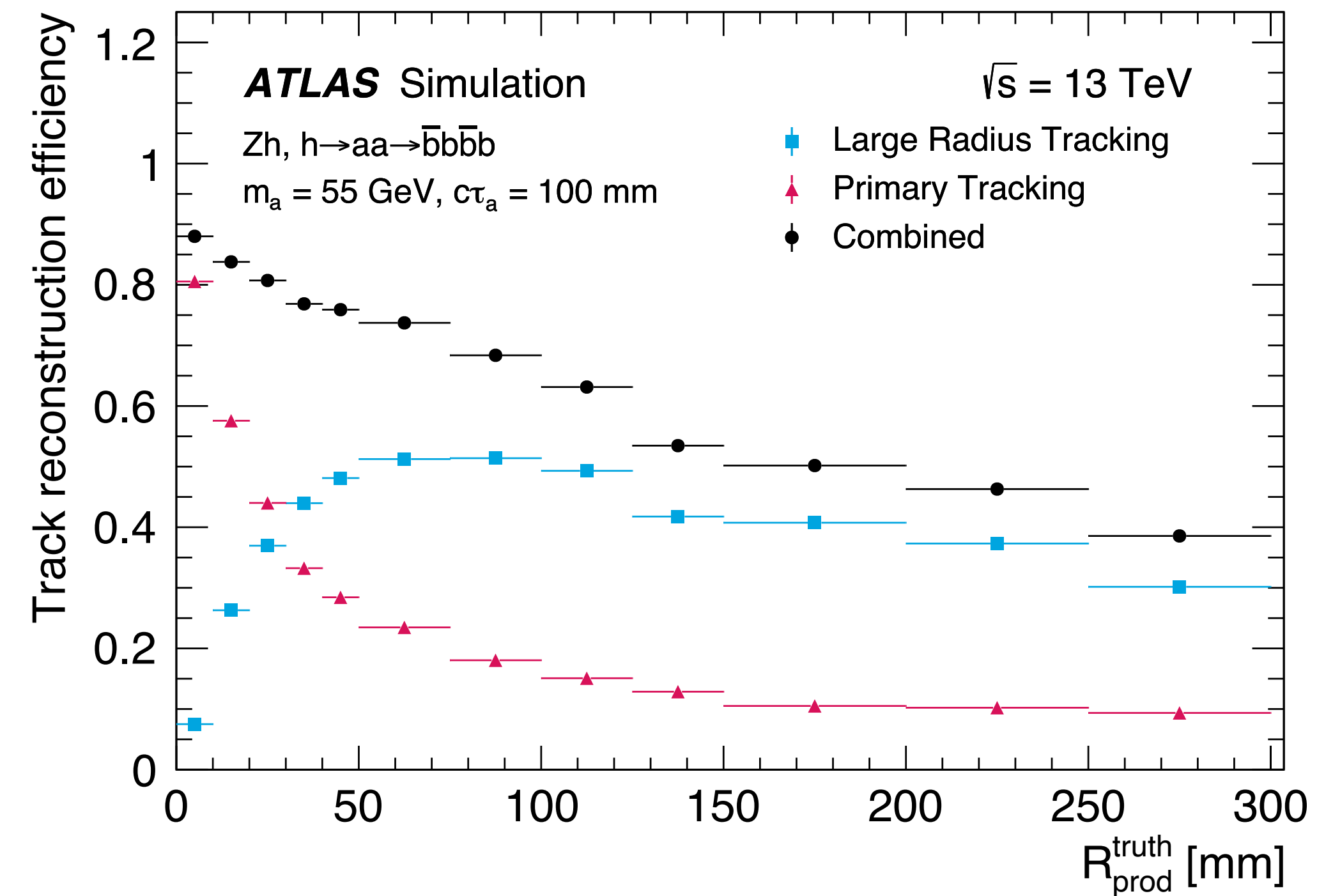


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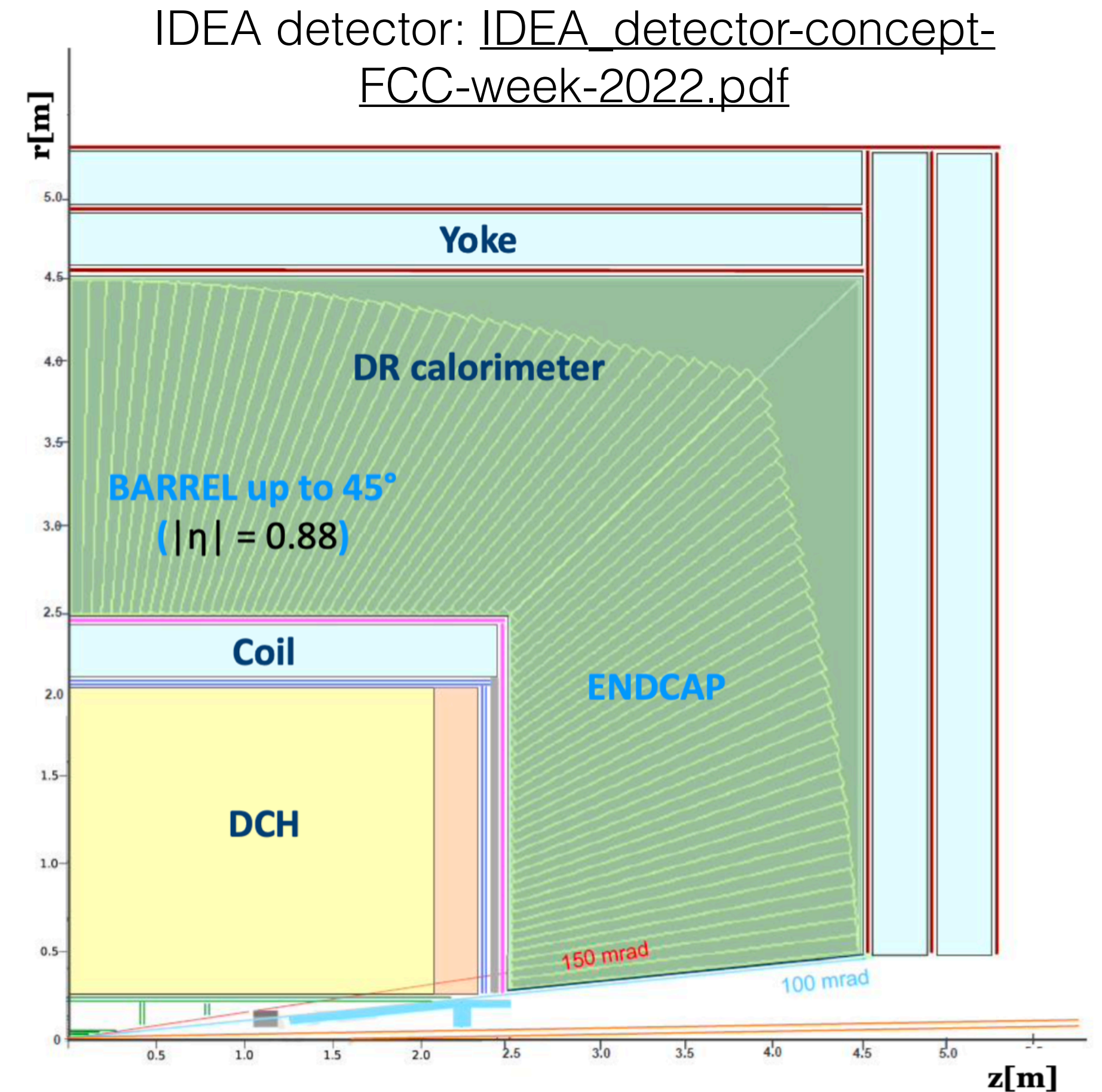
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 - targets tracks with displacements **up to 300 mm**



Unconventional tracking

Studies at FCC-ee

- Proposed detector designs for FCC-ee:
 - CLD design
 - IDEA design
 - Noble Liquid ECAL Base design
- Opportunities for new creative detectors, e.g. designed for LLP search such as HECATE (arXiv:2011.01005)
- **The IDEA detector** is used in this study:
 - Silicon pixel vertex detector
 - Ultralight drift chamber (DCH)
 - Dual readout (DR) calorimeter
- The detector simulation of IDEA is done in DELPHES with a fast parametric simulation

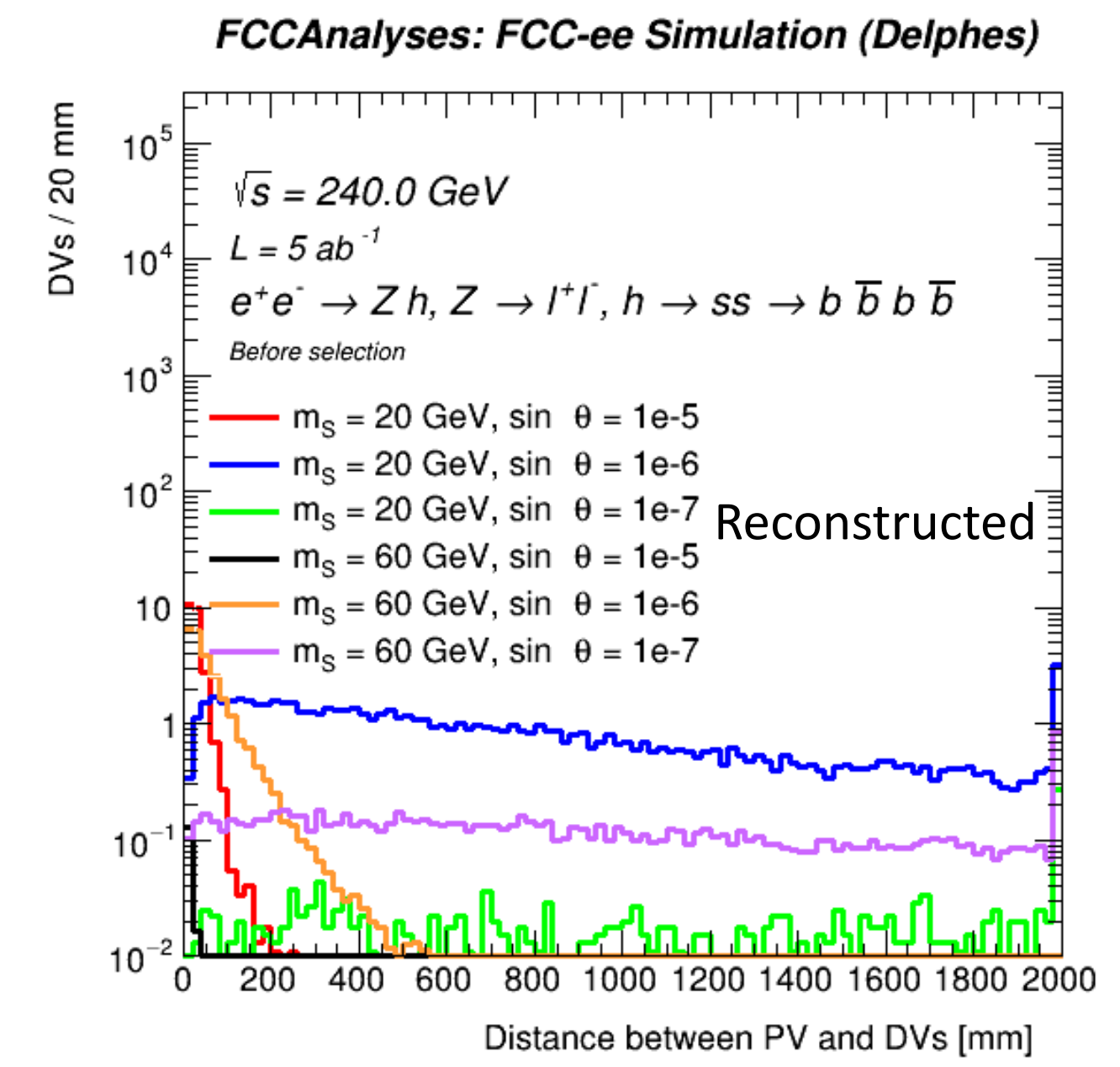
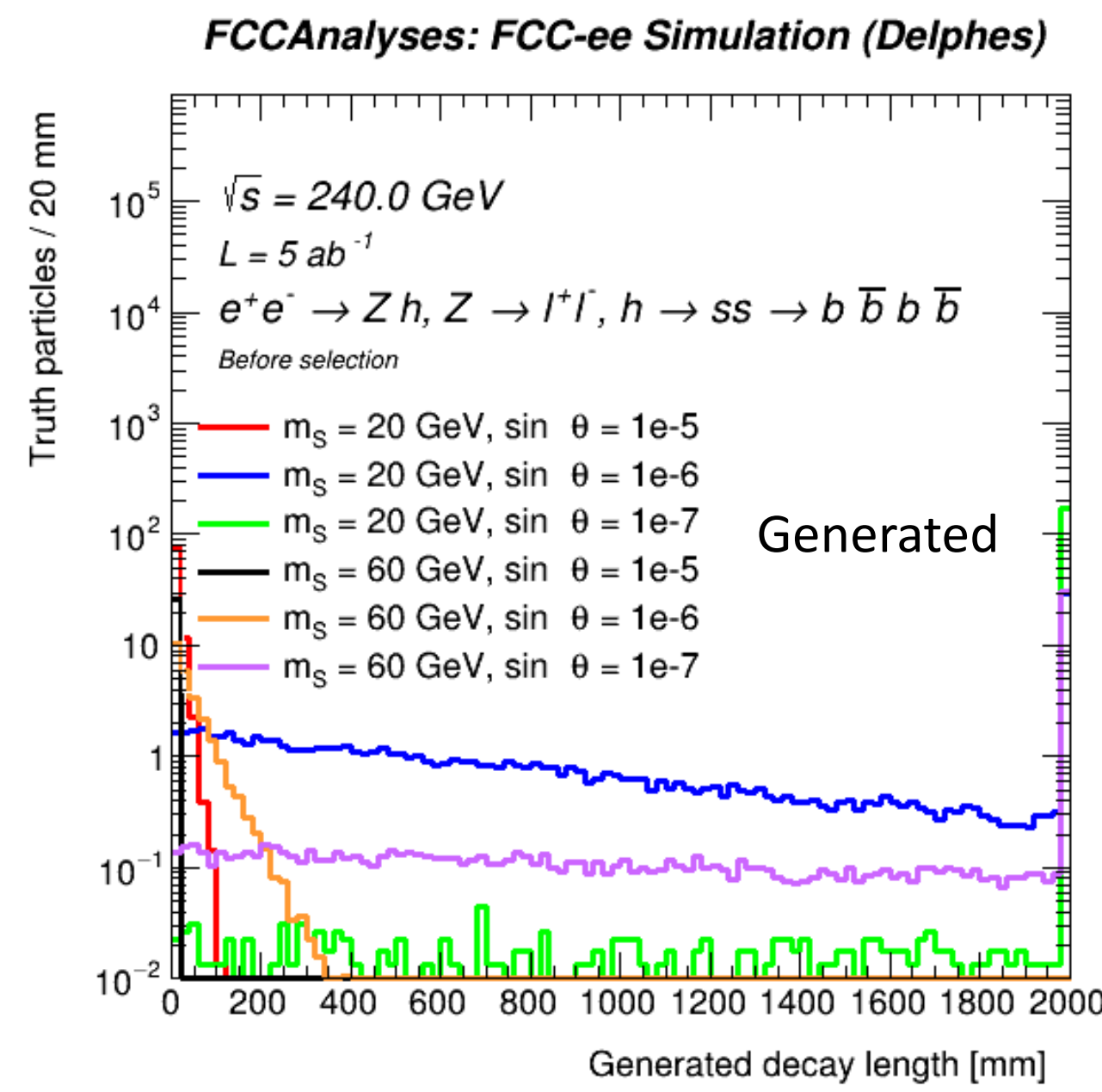
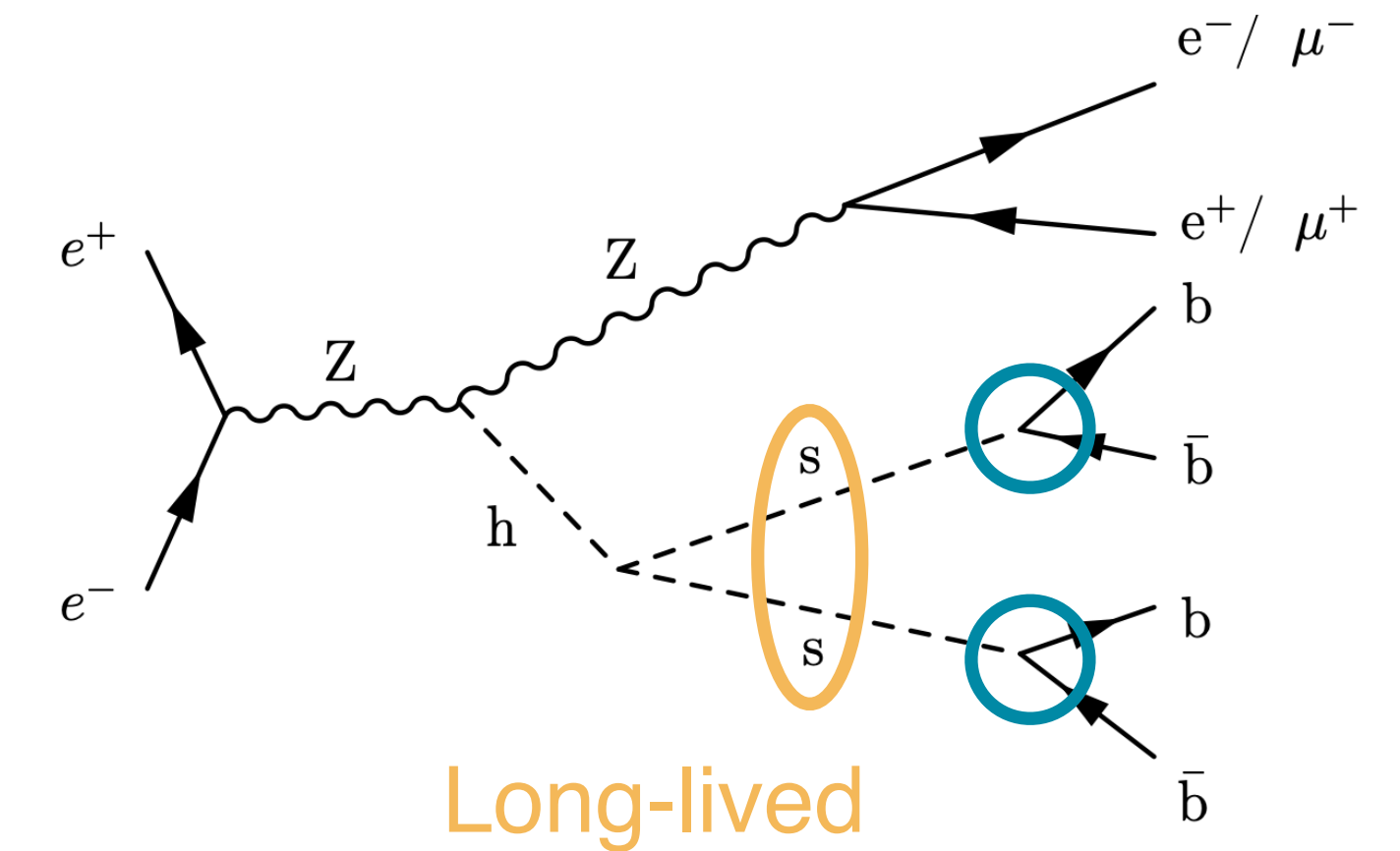


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Studies at FCC-ee

- Using current tools in the FCCAnalyses framework adapted to the ZHss model
 - Extra constraints and functions inspired by ATLAS DV reconstruction
- Secondary vertex finder** (arXiv:1506.08371)
 - Designed for ILC/CLIC and primarily used for flavour-tagging jets
 - Added track selection: non-primary, $p_T > 1$ GeV and $|d_0| > 2$ mm
 - Added and tested vertex merging (in progress)

Details in talk at the ECFA WG1-SRCH meeting

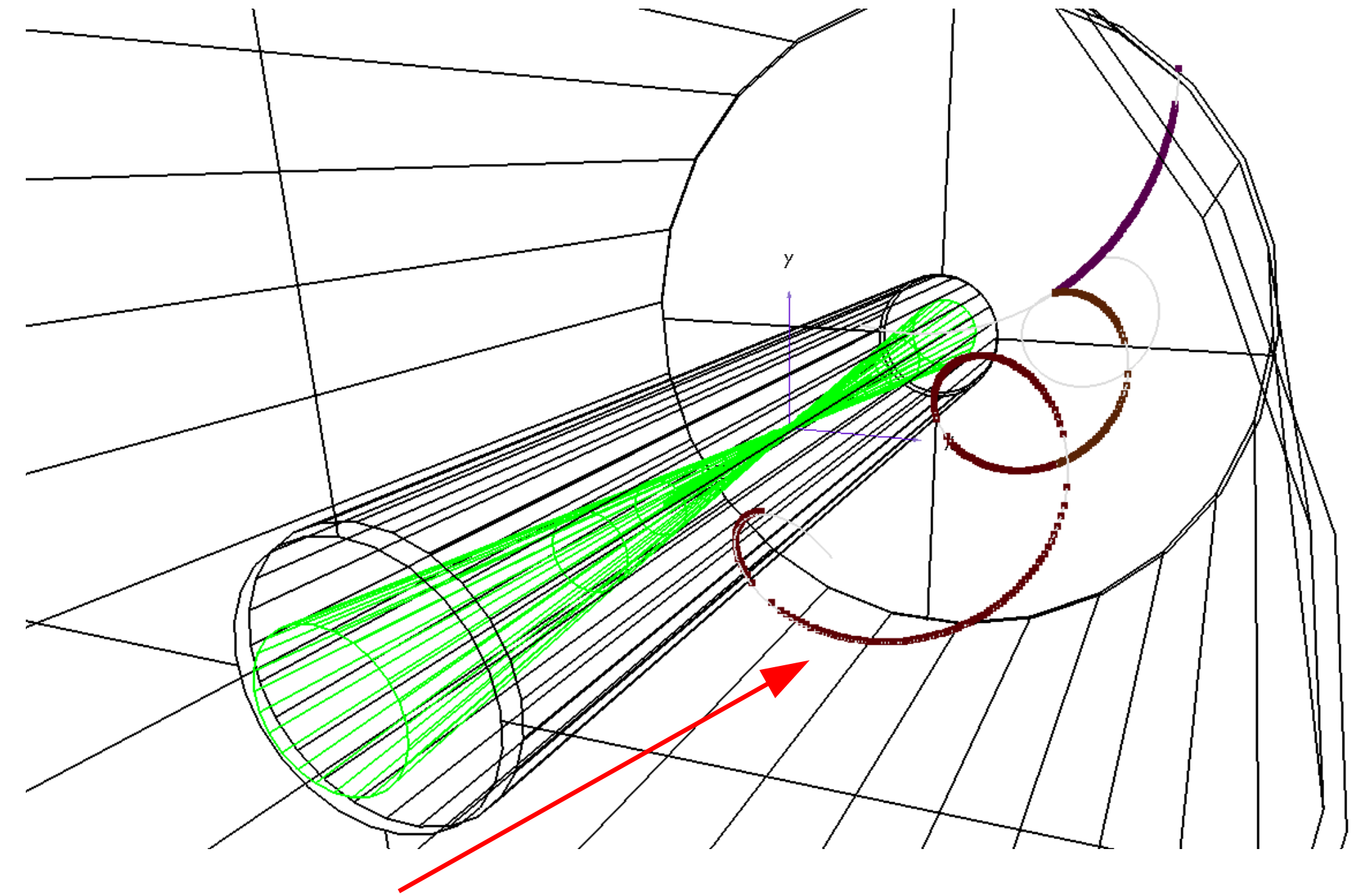


Unconventional tracking



Studies at ILD

- Missing hits in TPC
- Single track can often be reconstructed as several tracks
- Becomes more important if we look for **vertices far from the IP**



This track was reconstructed as two separate ones, with very distant reference points

Unconventional tracking

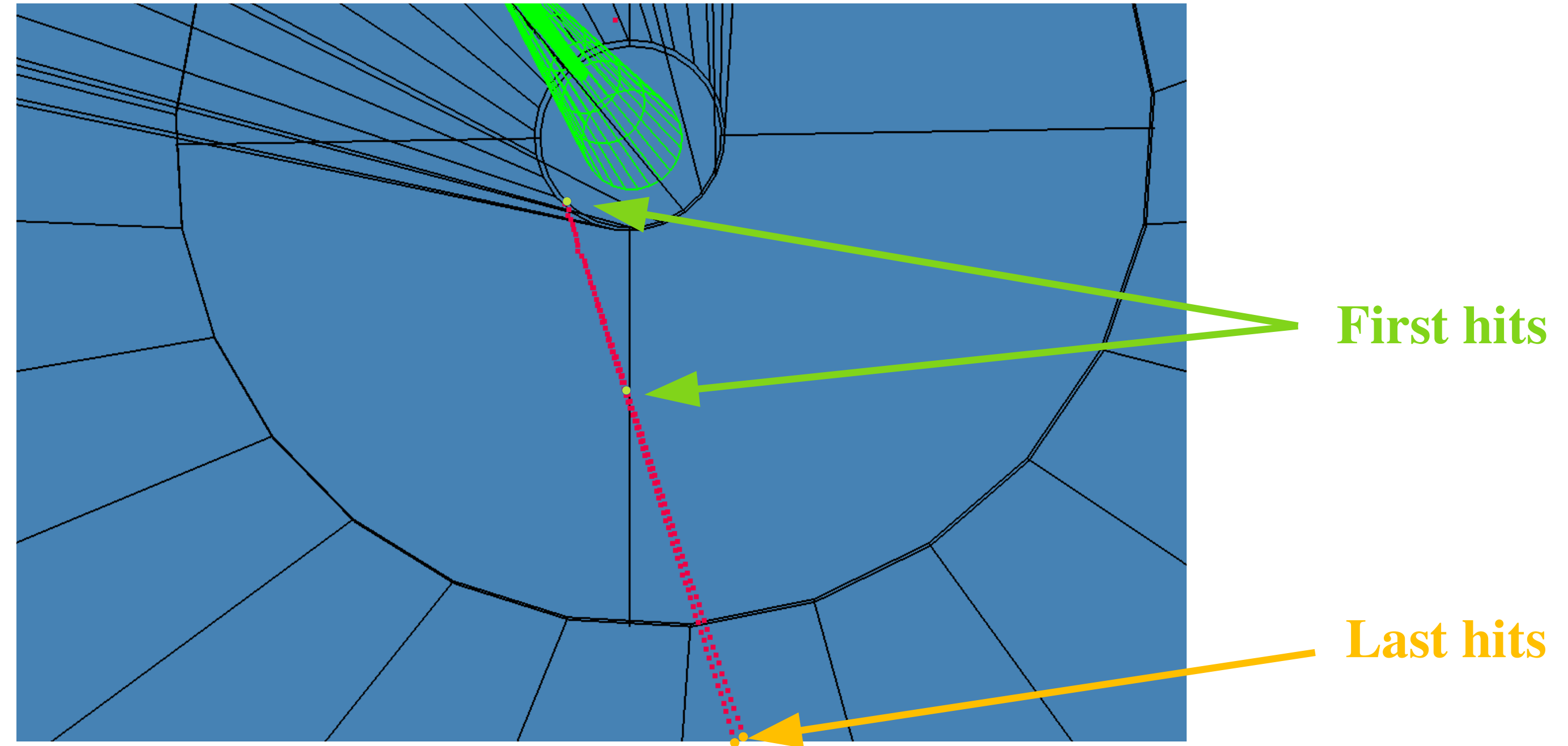
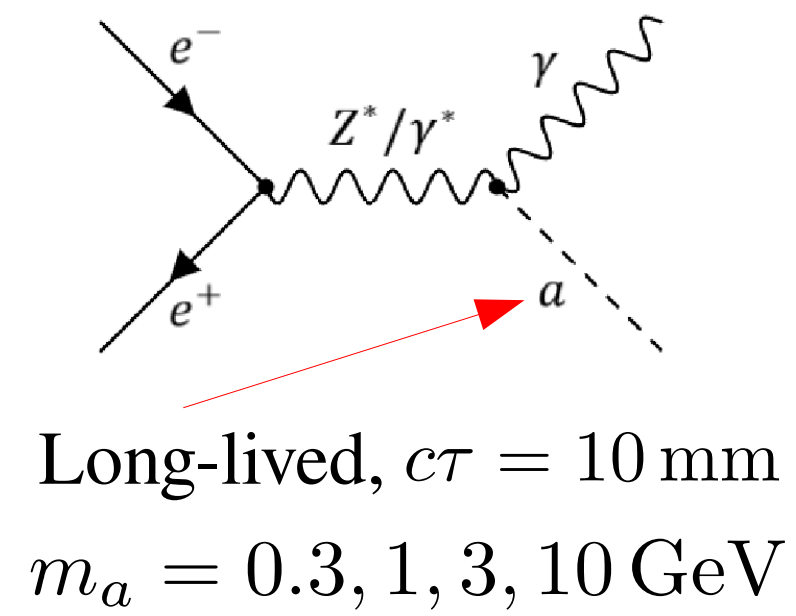


Studies at ILD

- Collinear tracks in TPC (ALPs)
- Impossible to distinguish the tracks close to the production vertex

- Tracking often assigns first hit of the second track far from the vertex (Small influence on reco. momentum)
- Need to carefully evaluate the hits distribution

The opposite extreme case, (large boost, high-pT final state)
→ (tuned) axion-like particle model sample

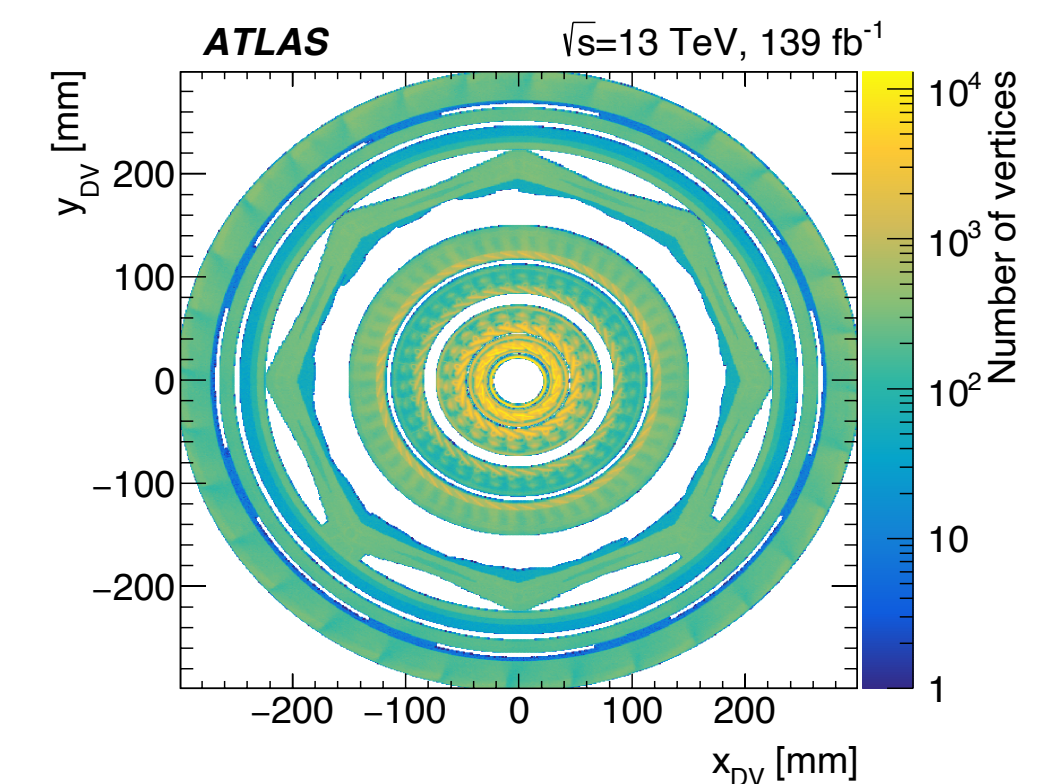
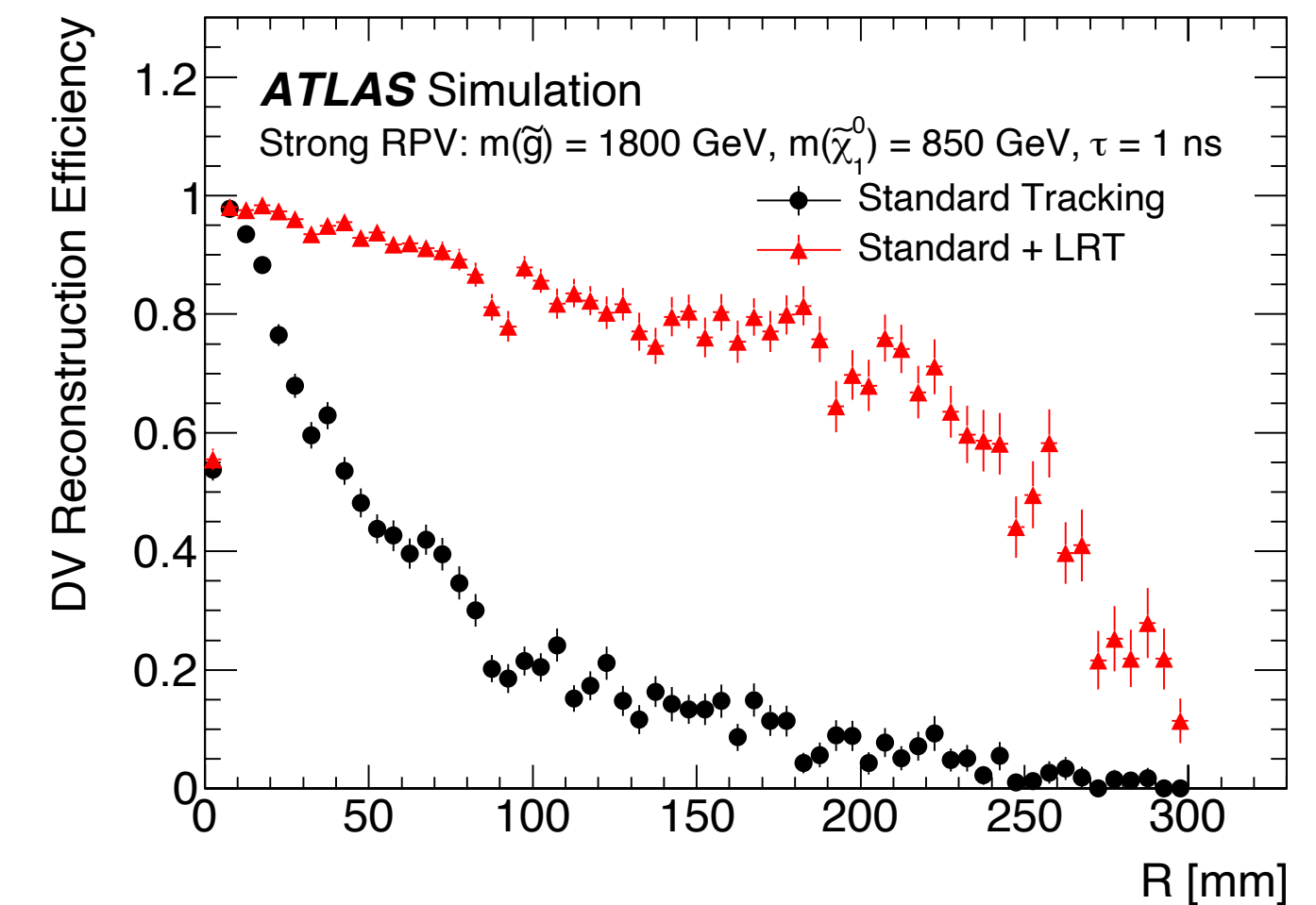
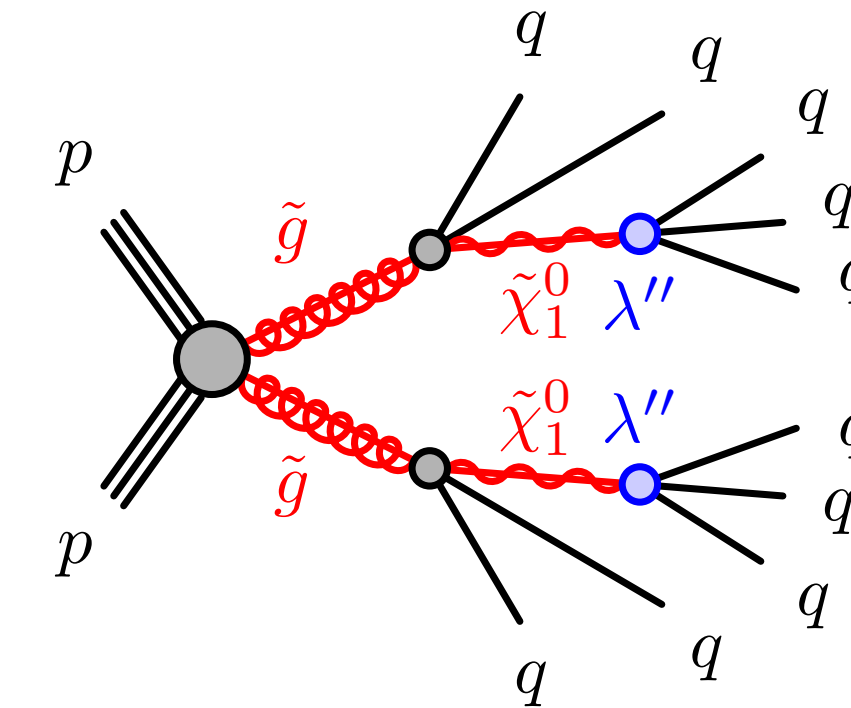


Full analysis using Displaced vertices

SUSY-2018-13

ATLAS

- Long-lived particles decaying into hadrons in the ATLAS inner detector
- SM (MSSM) R -parity-violating (RPV)
 - mean proper lifetimes τ up to $O(10)$ ns
- Using **LRT** in events with multiple energetic jets and a displaced vertex
- Three main sources of background:
 - hadronic interactions: detector material
 - accidental crossings: low-mass displaced vertices crossed by an unrelated track
 - merged vertices: close-by low-mass displaced vertices
- Reject them with DV selection:
 - DV at least 4 mm away from any collision vertex
 - DVs must satisfy a material map veto
 - DVs must have at least five tracks
 - $m_{DV} > 10$ GeV
- Reach \sim zero background analysis

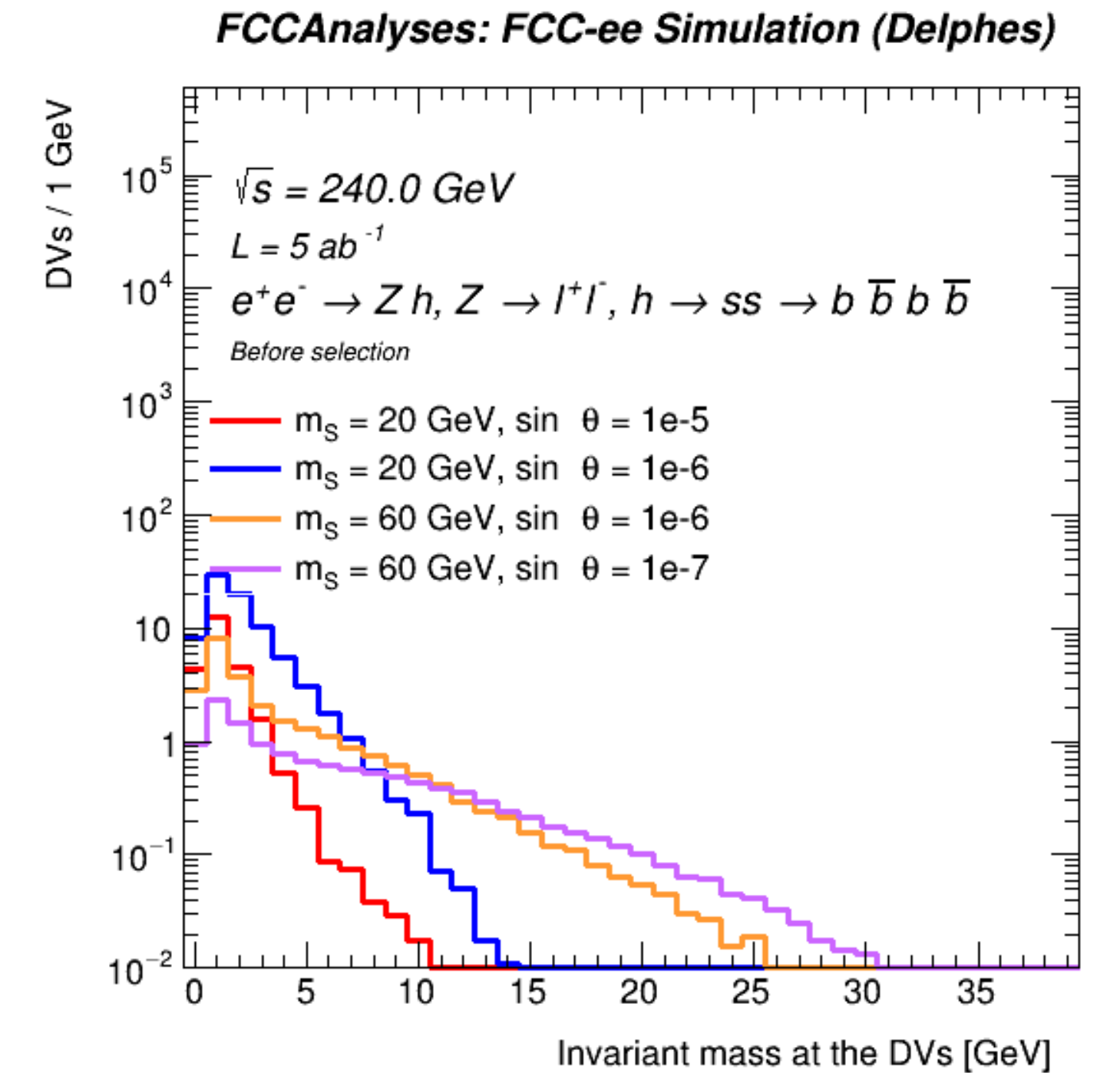
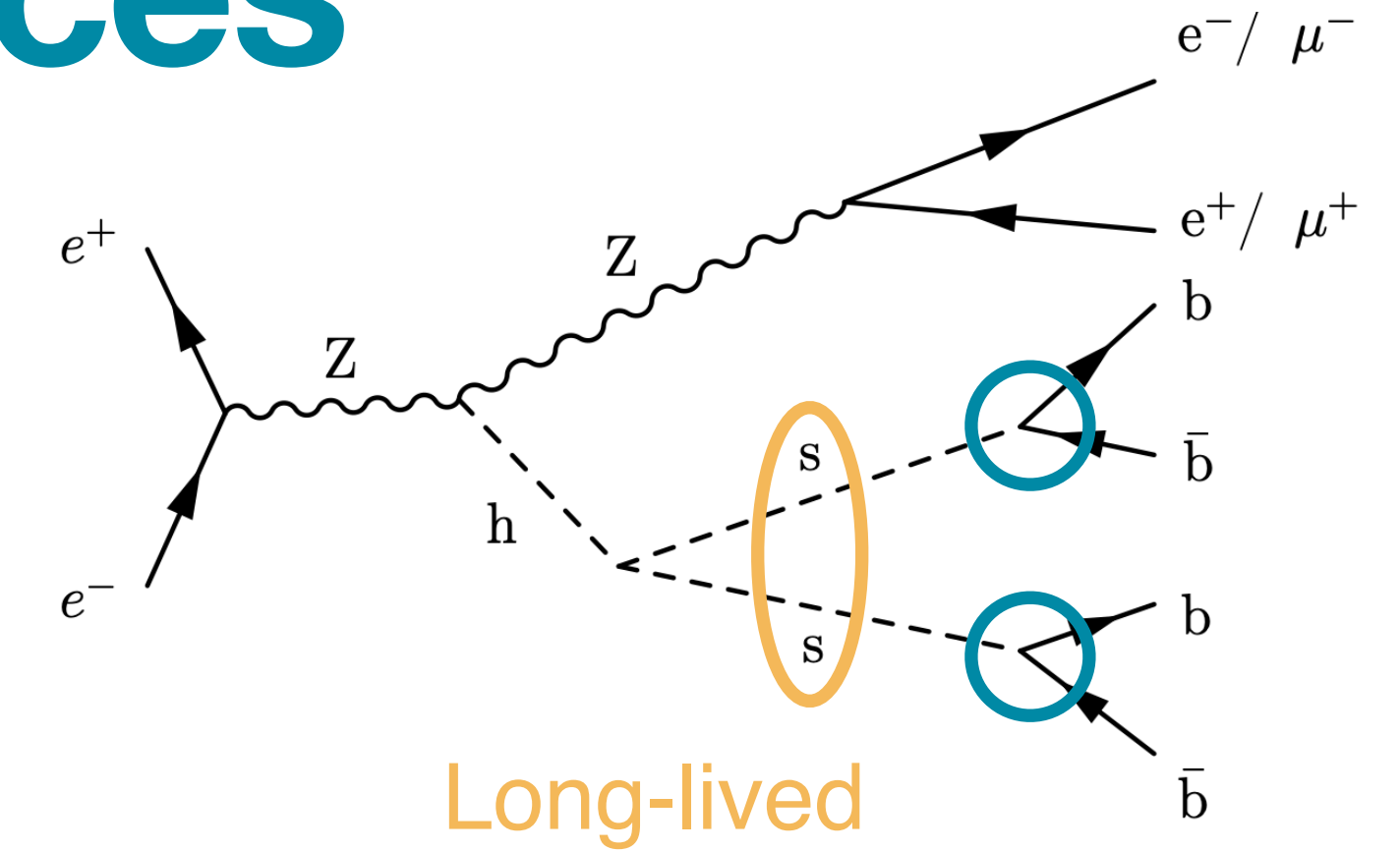


Full analysis using Displaced vertices

Studies at FCC-ee

- Preliminary vertex selection:
 - Distance of DV from PV required to be
 - in the tracker volumen
 - outside the innermost region to exclude heavy-flavour decays
 - Charged invariant mass at DV: to remove background DVs

Type	Parameter	Value
Track Selection	Min p_T	1 GeV
	Min $ d_0 $	2 mm
Vertex Reconstruction	V^0 rejection	True
	Max χ^2	9
	Max M_{inv}	40 GeV
	Max χ^2 added track	5
	Vertex merging	False
Vertex Selection	Min r_{DV-PV}	4 mm
	Max r_{DV-PV}	2000 mm
	Min $M_{charged}$	1 GeV



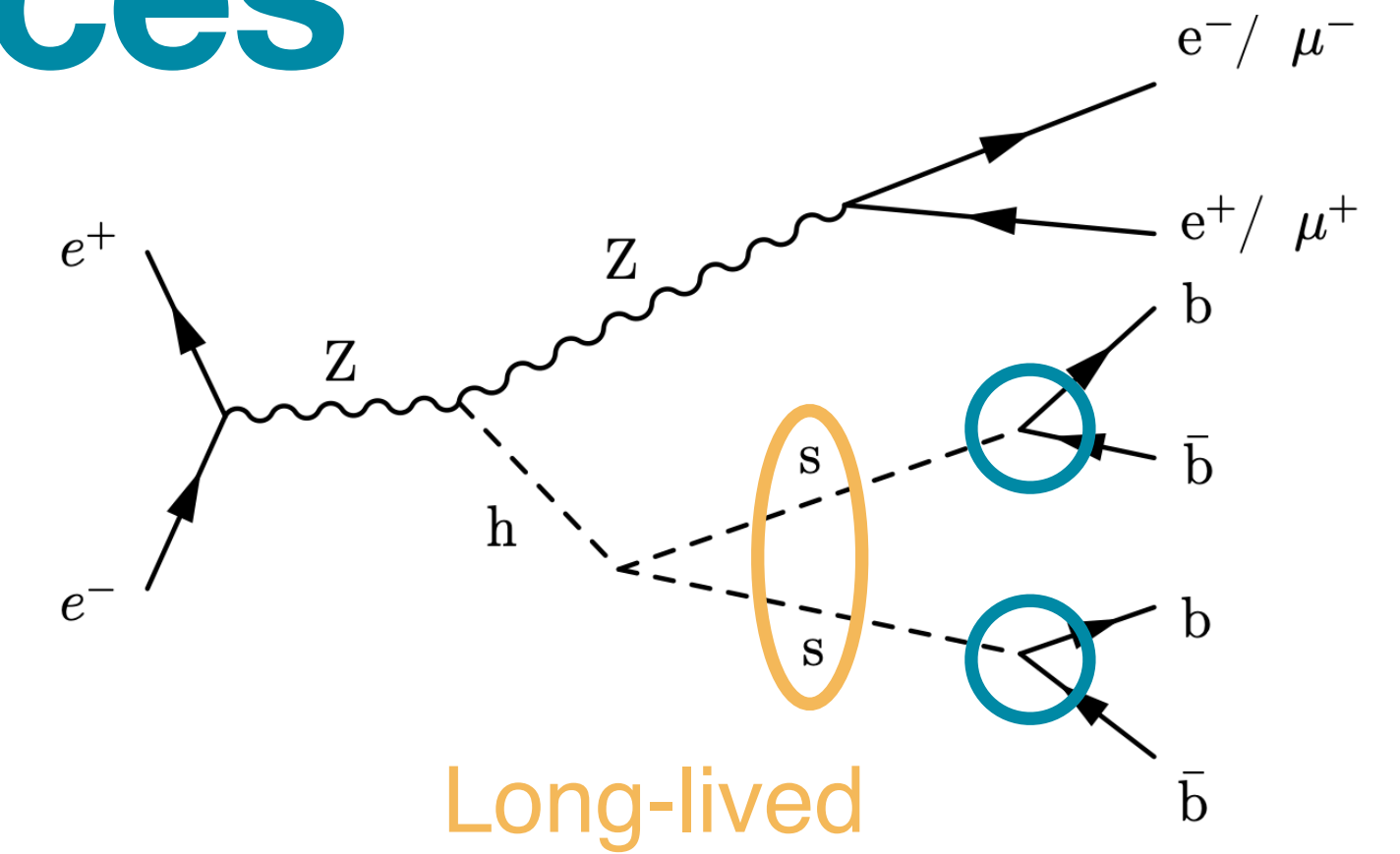
Visible/charged invariant mass at the DVs

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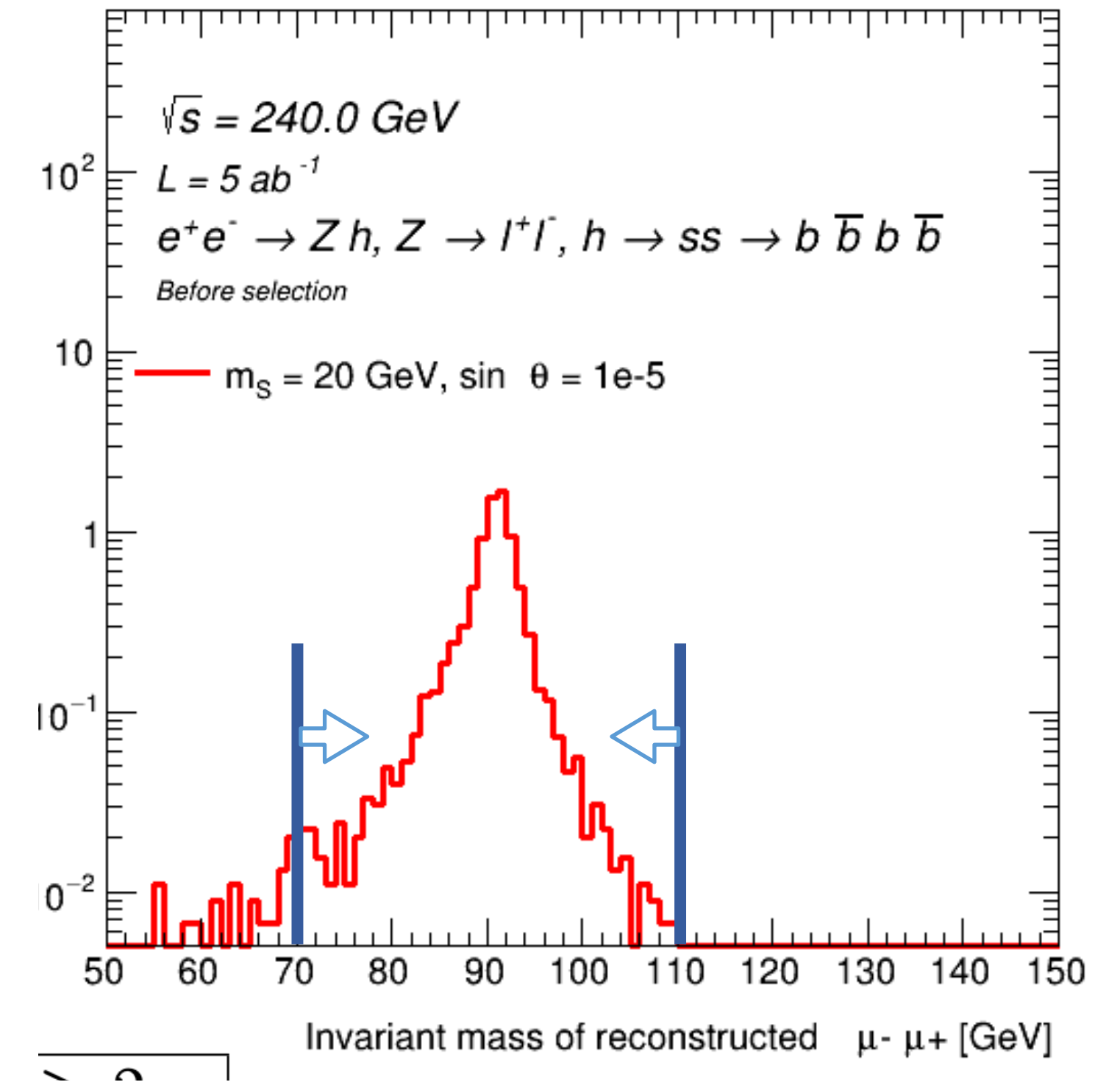
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- **First steps for a sensitivity study**

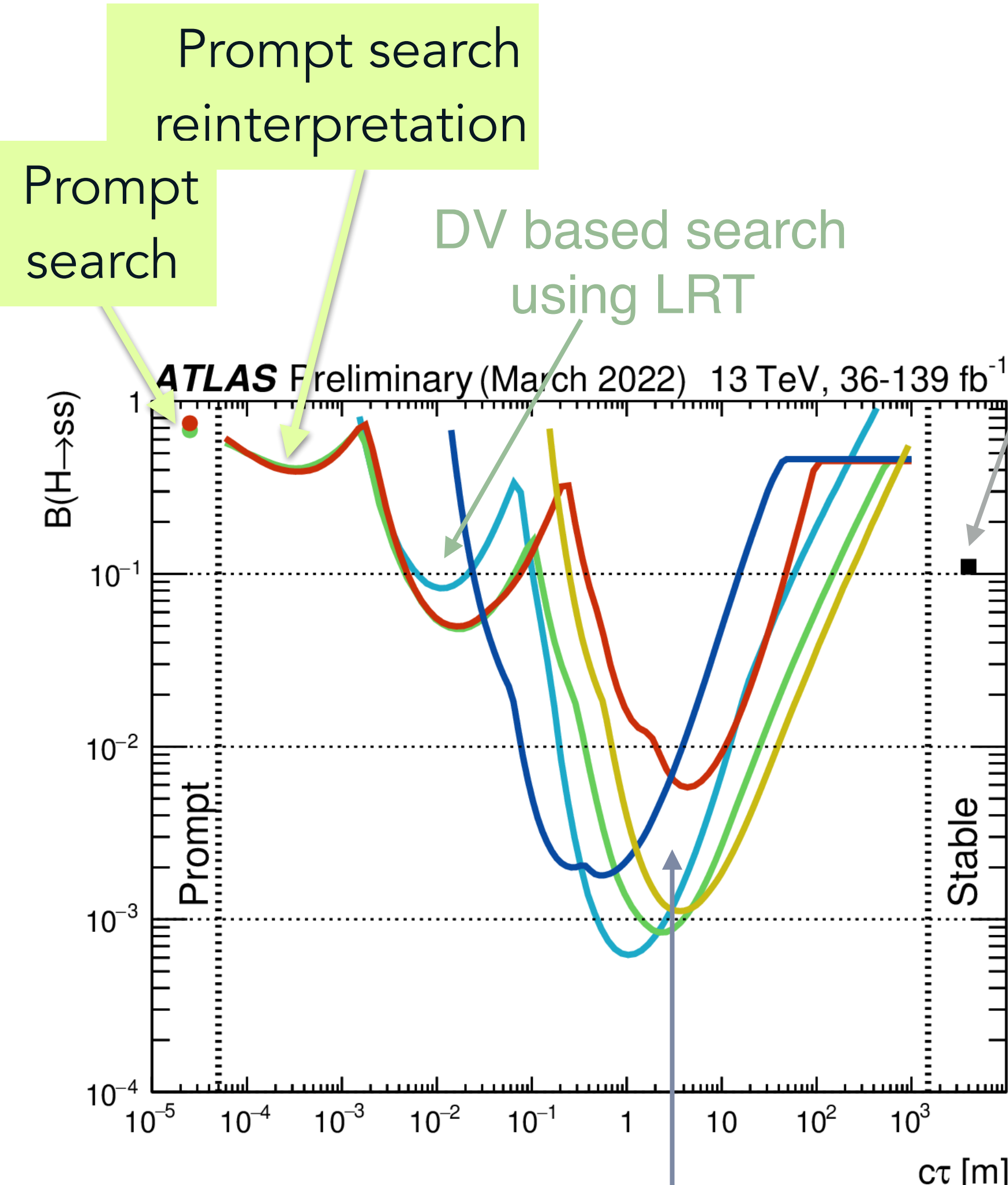
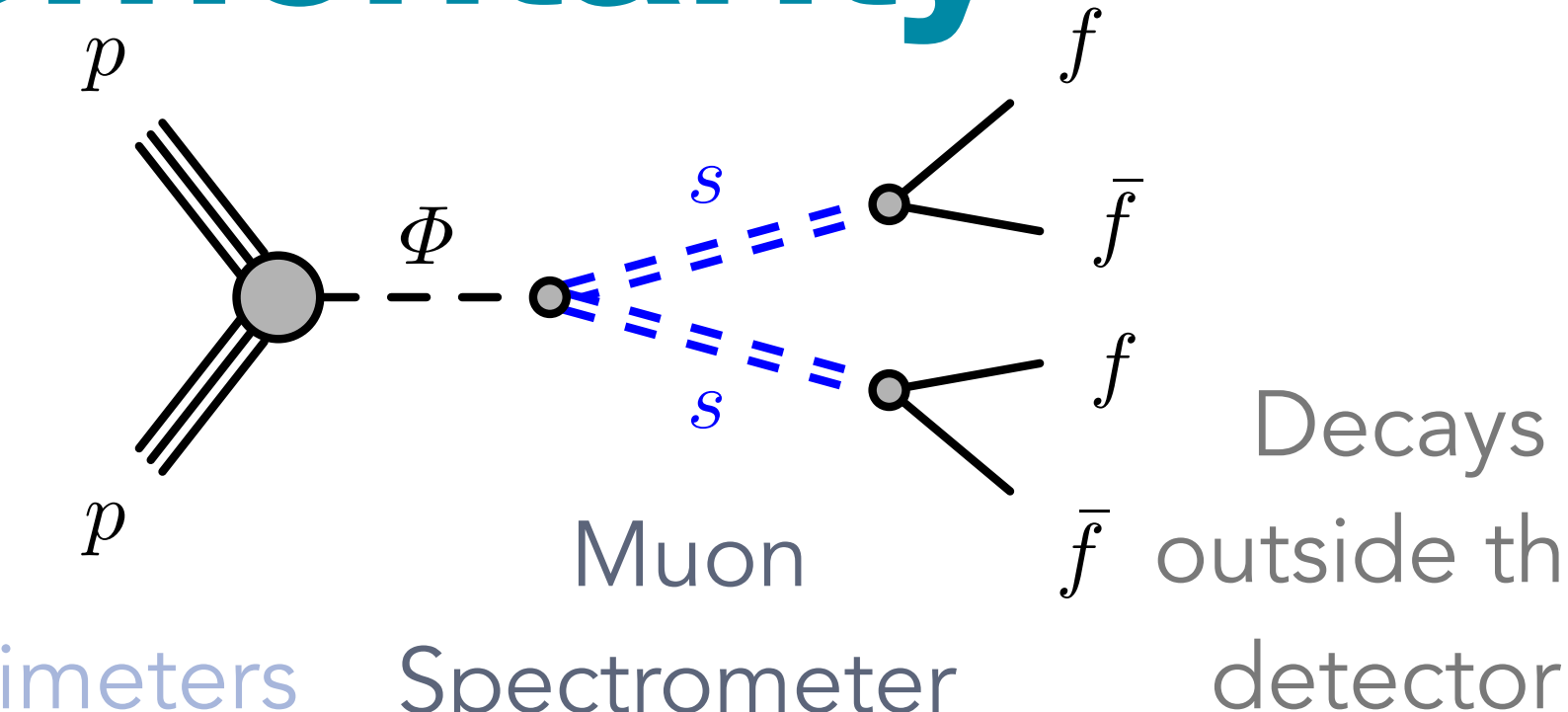
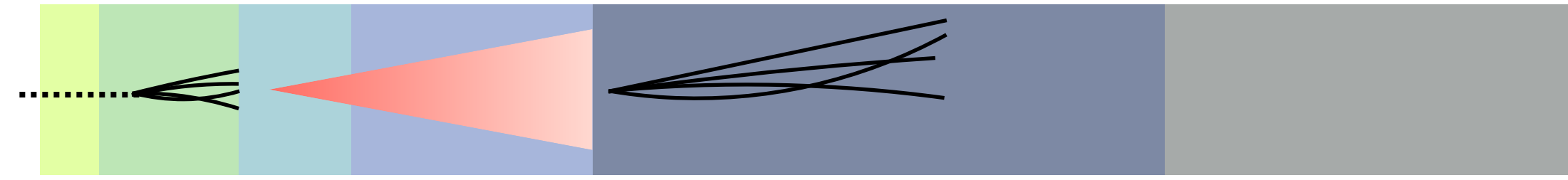
- Z Pre-selection: 2 SFOS leptons with invariant mass $70 < m_{ll} < 110$ GeV
- At least 2 reconstructed DV
- Given zero-background, signal points with at least 3 expected events can be excluded to 95% CL
- Potential sensitivity for all signal samples except for the shortest and longest lifetime samples!



FCCAnalyses: FCC-ee Simulation (Delphes)



Displaced jets in ATLAS - complementarity



MET-based searches

Hidden Sector, $m_H = 125$ GeV
 Selected **ATLAS** results
 95% CL observed limits

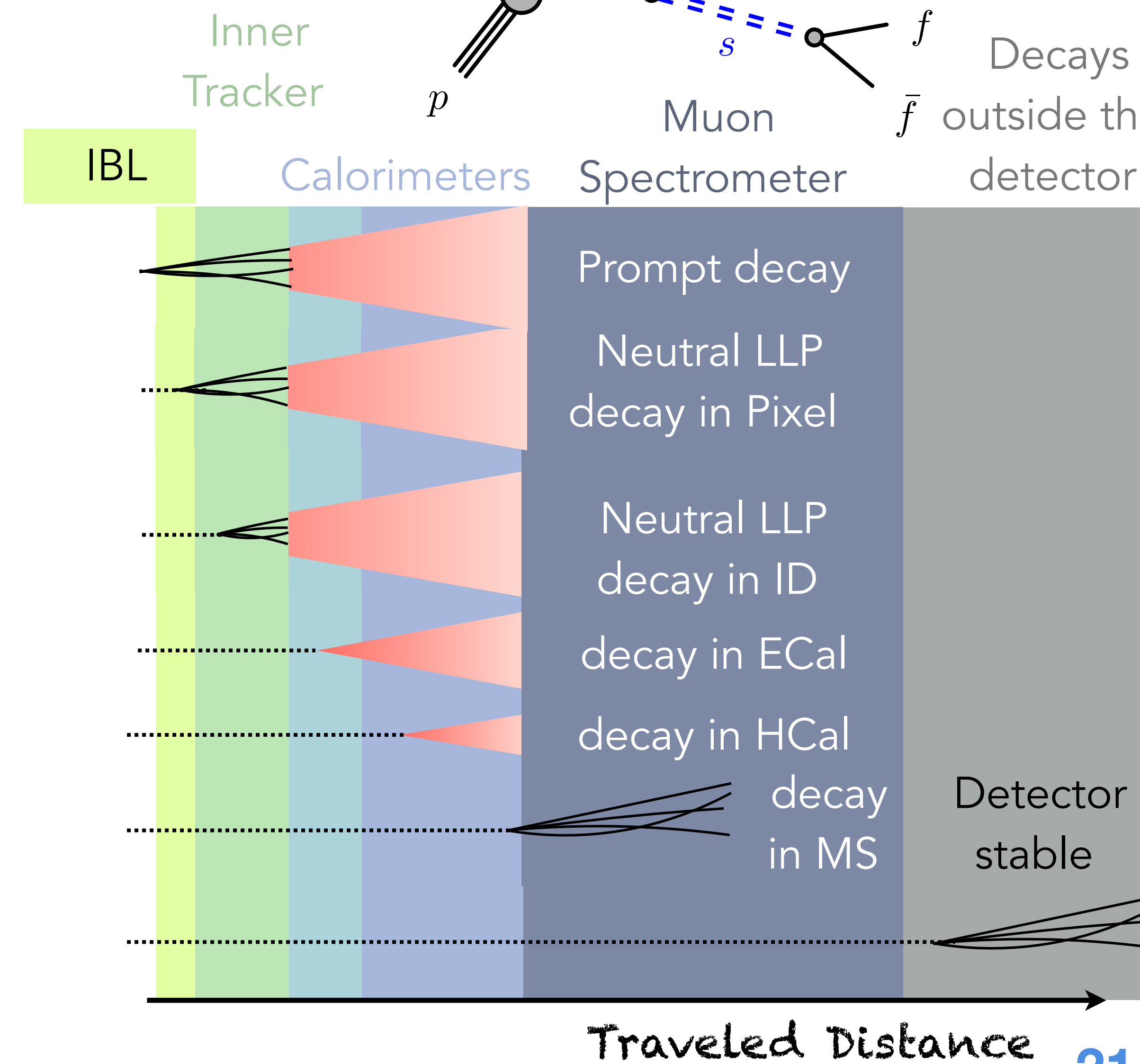
Contributing searches:

- Muon System (2 Vtx Only), 139 fb⁻¹**
arXiv:2203.00587
- Muon System (1 Vtx + 2 Vtx), 36 fb⁻¹**
Phys. Rev. D 99 (2019) 052005
- Calorimeter, 139 fb⁻¹**
arXiv:2203.01009
- Tracker+Muon System, 36 fb⁻¹**
Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020) 052013
- Tracker (LRT), 139 fb⁻¹**
JHEP 11 (2021) 229
- Tracker (b-tag), 36 fb⁻¹**
JHEP 10 (2018) 031
- Monojet, 139 fb⁻¹**
ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-020
- H → inv, 7-8-13 TeV combination**
ATLAS-CONF-2020-052

LLP masses:

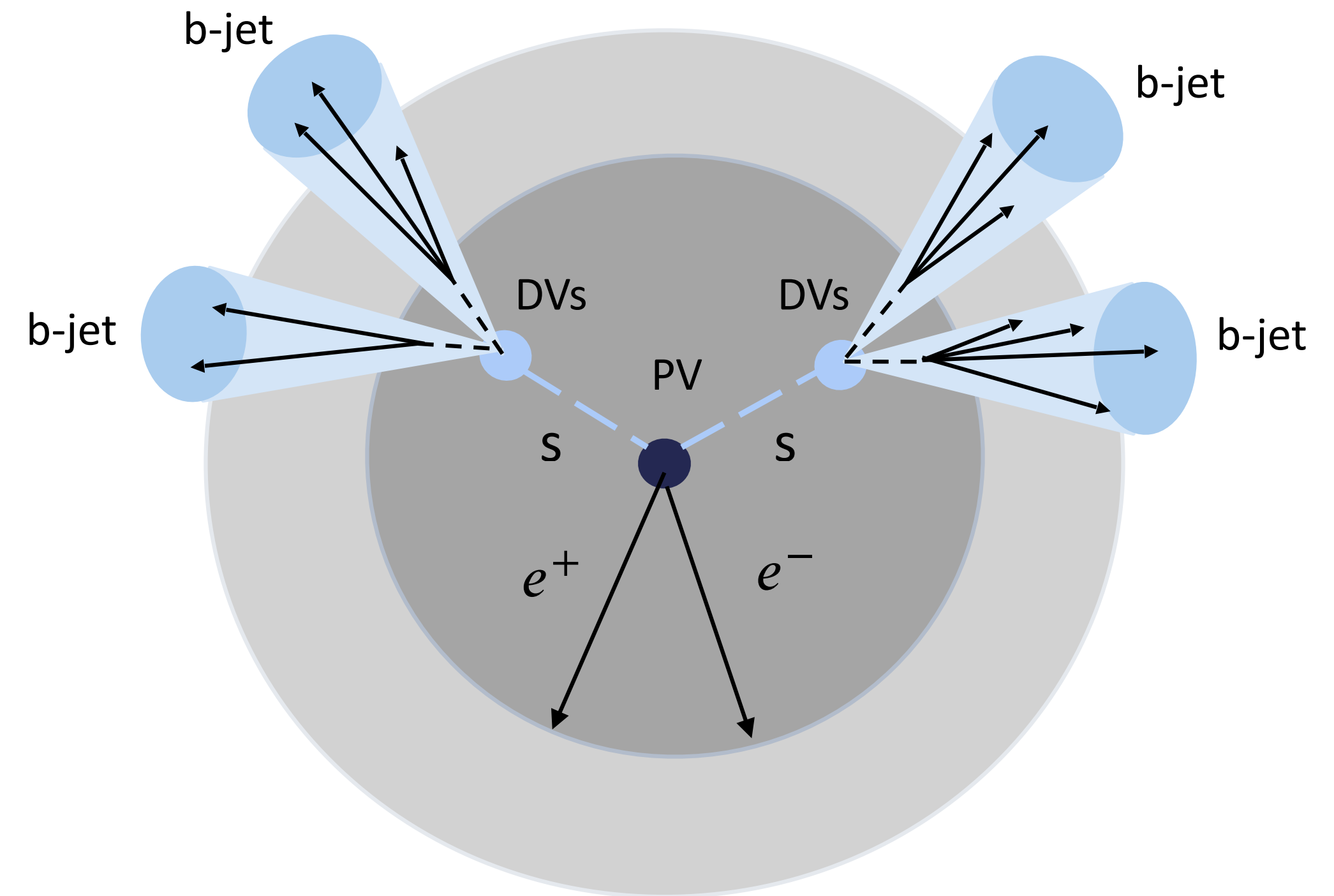
- 5-8 GeV (Blue)
- 15-20 GeV (Cyan)
- 25-35 GeV (Green)
- 40 GeV (Yellow)
- 45-60 GeV (Red)
- Any (Black)

Calo/MS displaced objects searches



Conclusions

- LLPs might be the key for finding BSM physics and they are gaining interest!
- Great effort at the LHC experiments to search for LLPs... BUT! still some signatures to be exploited!
- Future colliders offer a great opportunity to innovate and plan for new unconventional searches
 - Development of new tools and strategies to improve identification of LLPs,
 - Planning for a detector with LLP reconstruction capacities from the beginning
- Lots of effort ongoing, a lot more to come



Backup

Beam pipe: $R \sim 1.5$ cm

Vertex:

5 MAPS layers

$R = 1.7-34$ cm

Drift Chamber: 112 layers

4 m long, $R = 35-200$ cm

Outer Silicon wrapper:

Si strips

Superconducting solenoid coil:

2 T, $R \sim 2.1-2.4$ m

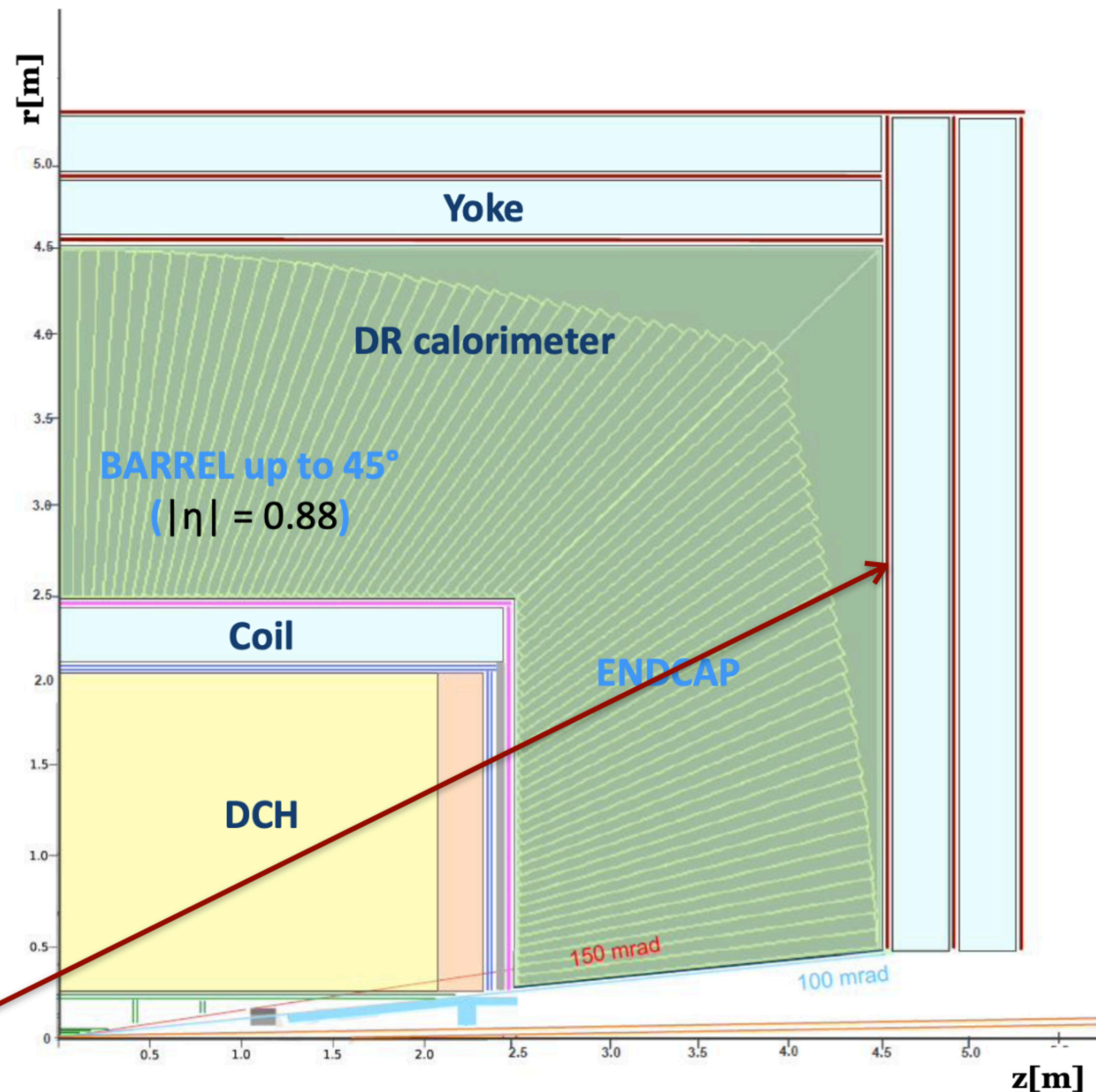
$0.74 X_0$, $0.16 \lambda @ 90^\circ$

Preshower: $\sim 1 X_0$

Dual-Readout Calorimeter:

$2\text{m} / 7 \lambda_{\text{int}}$

Yoke + Muon chambers

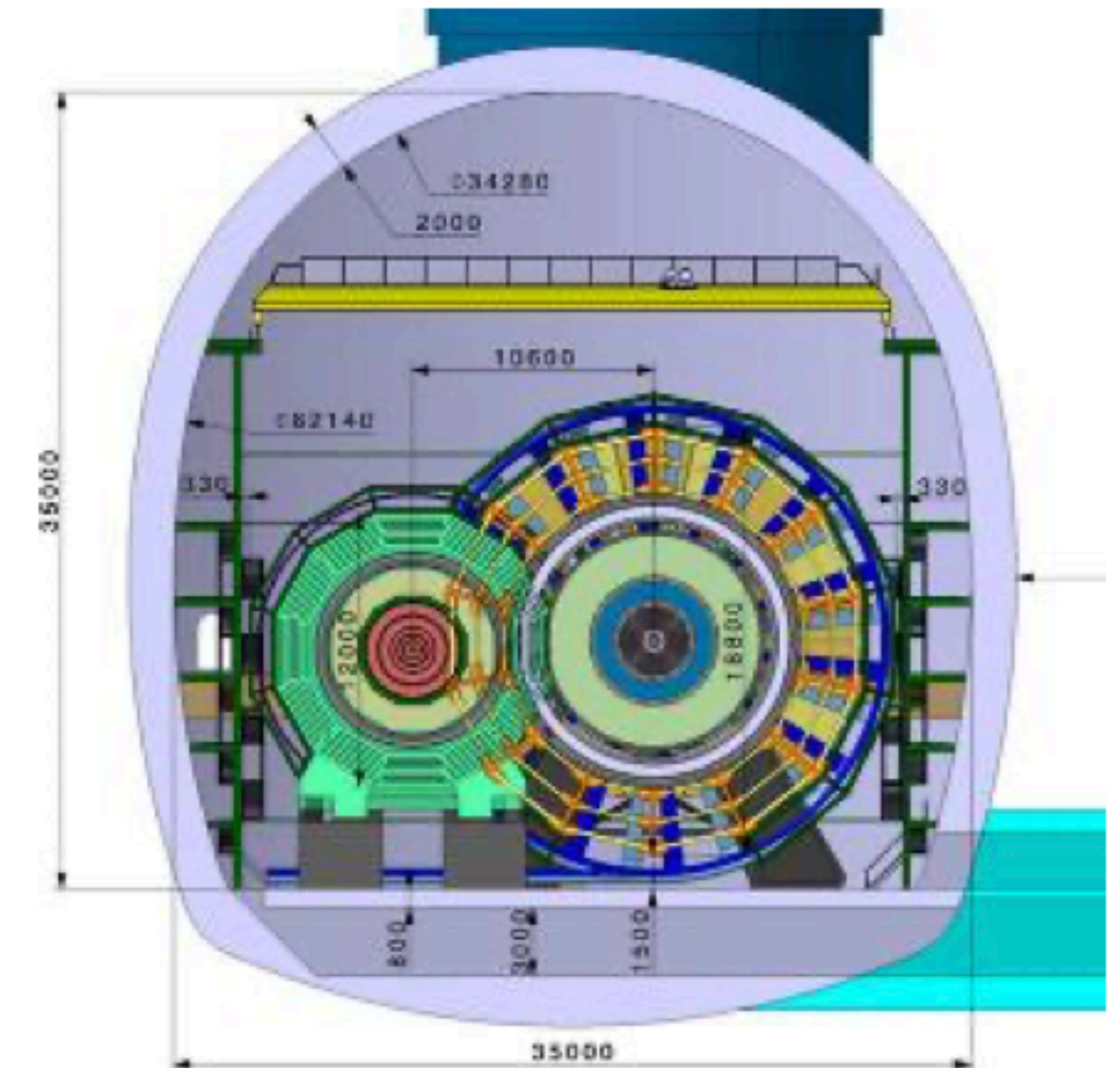
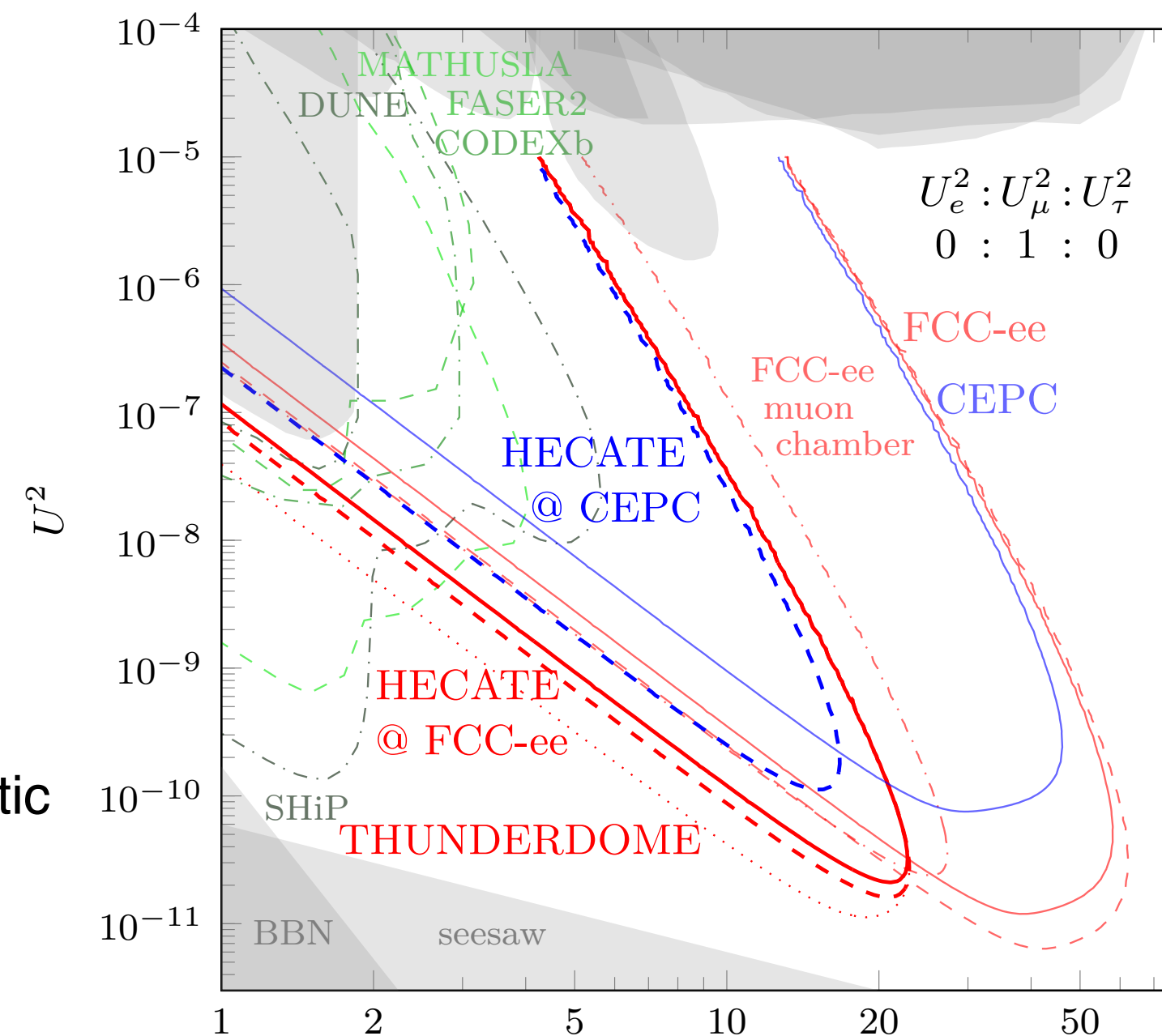


LLPs @ FCC-hh, FCC-ee

HECATE: HErmetic CAvern TrackER. A long-lived particle detector concept for FCC-ee or CEPC

- For FCC-hh / FCC-ee, main detector will be relatively smaller than the cavern
- Cover detector cavern walls with scintillator plates or RPCs
 - ≥ 2 layers of 1 m^2 separated by a sizeable distance — timing
 - ≥ 4 layers for good tracking
 - 4π coverage LLP detector
- FCC main detector as active veto
- Sensitive to a unique area of phase space

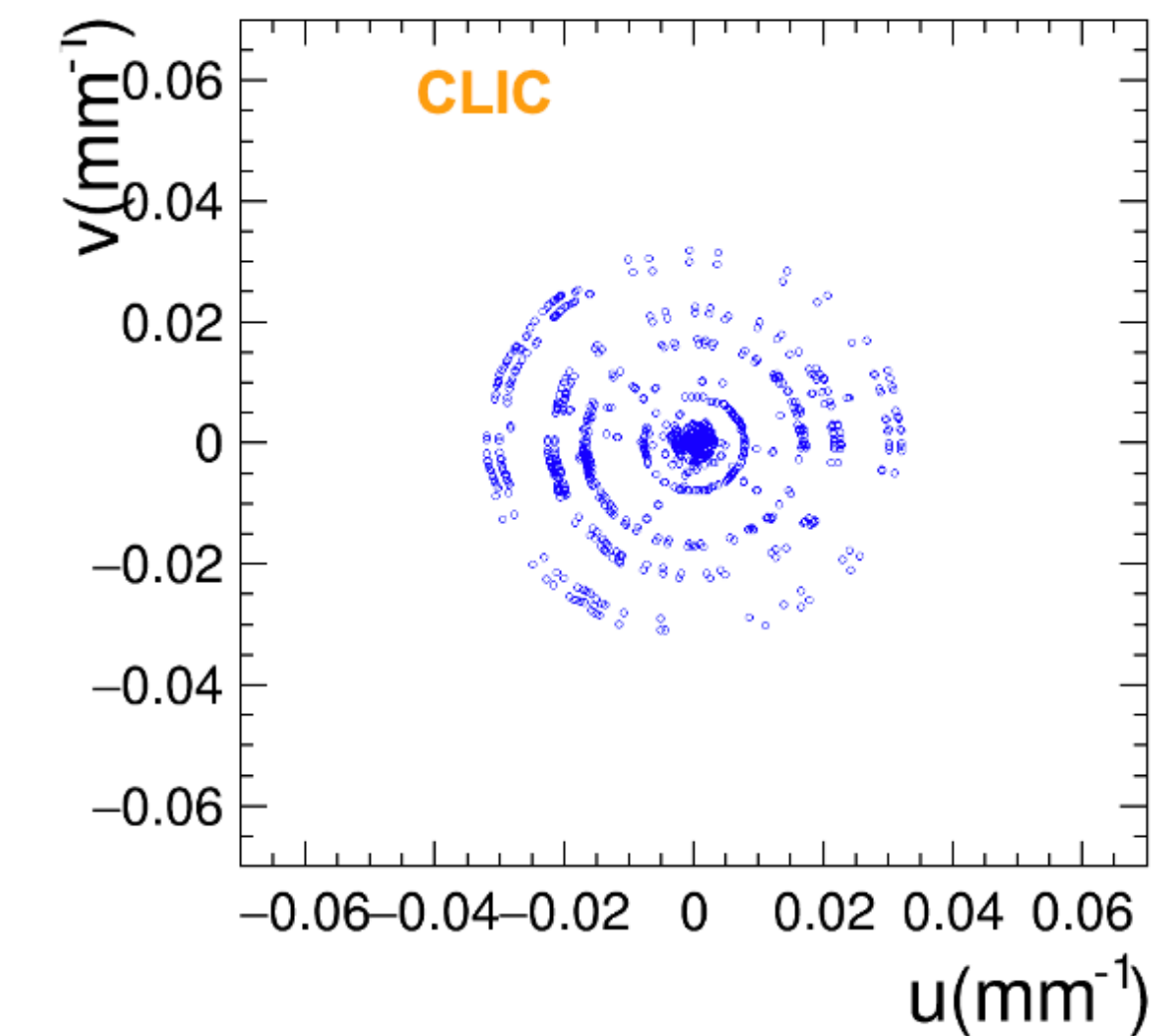
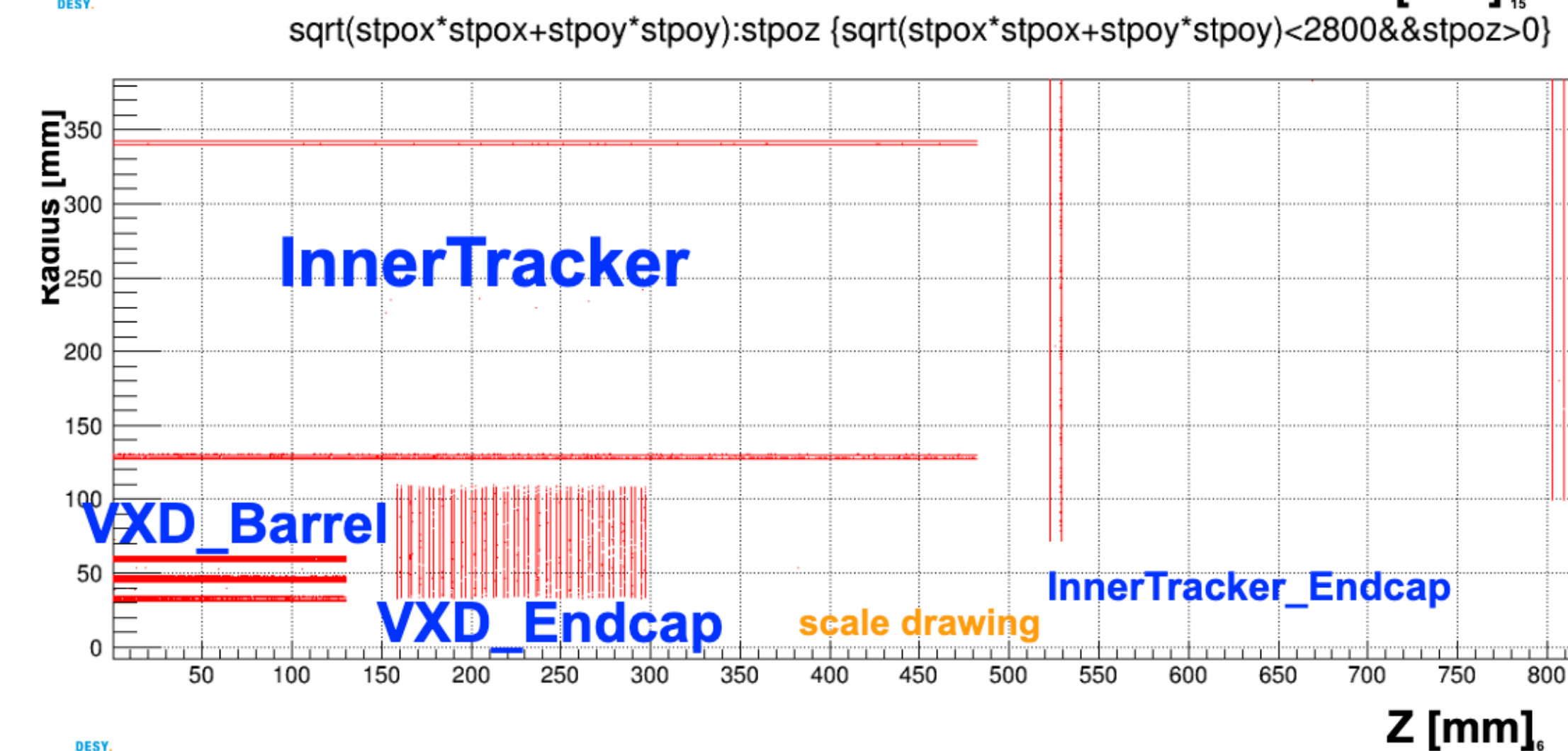
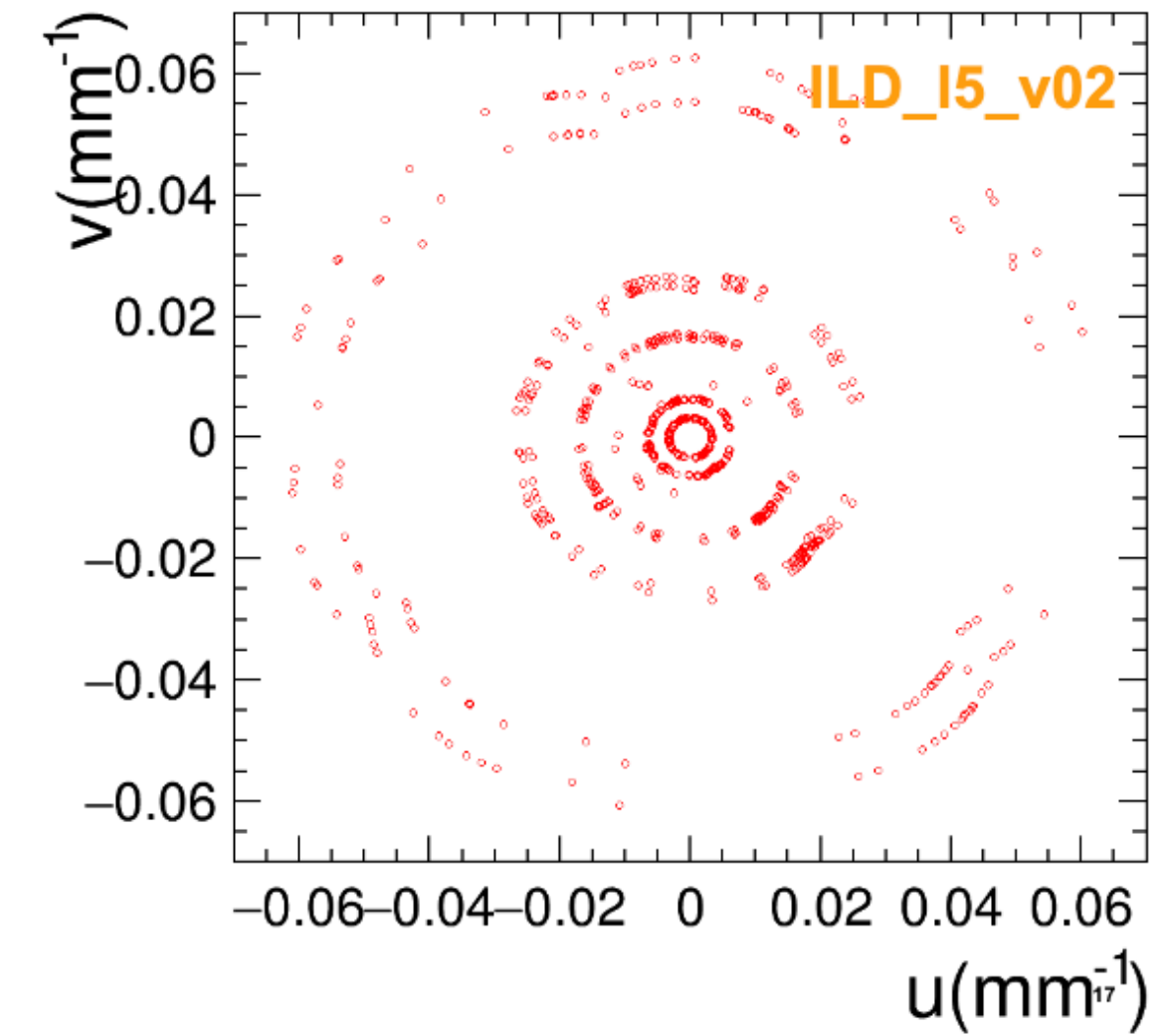
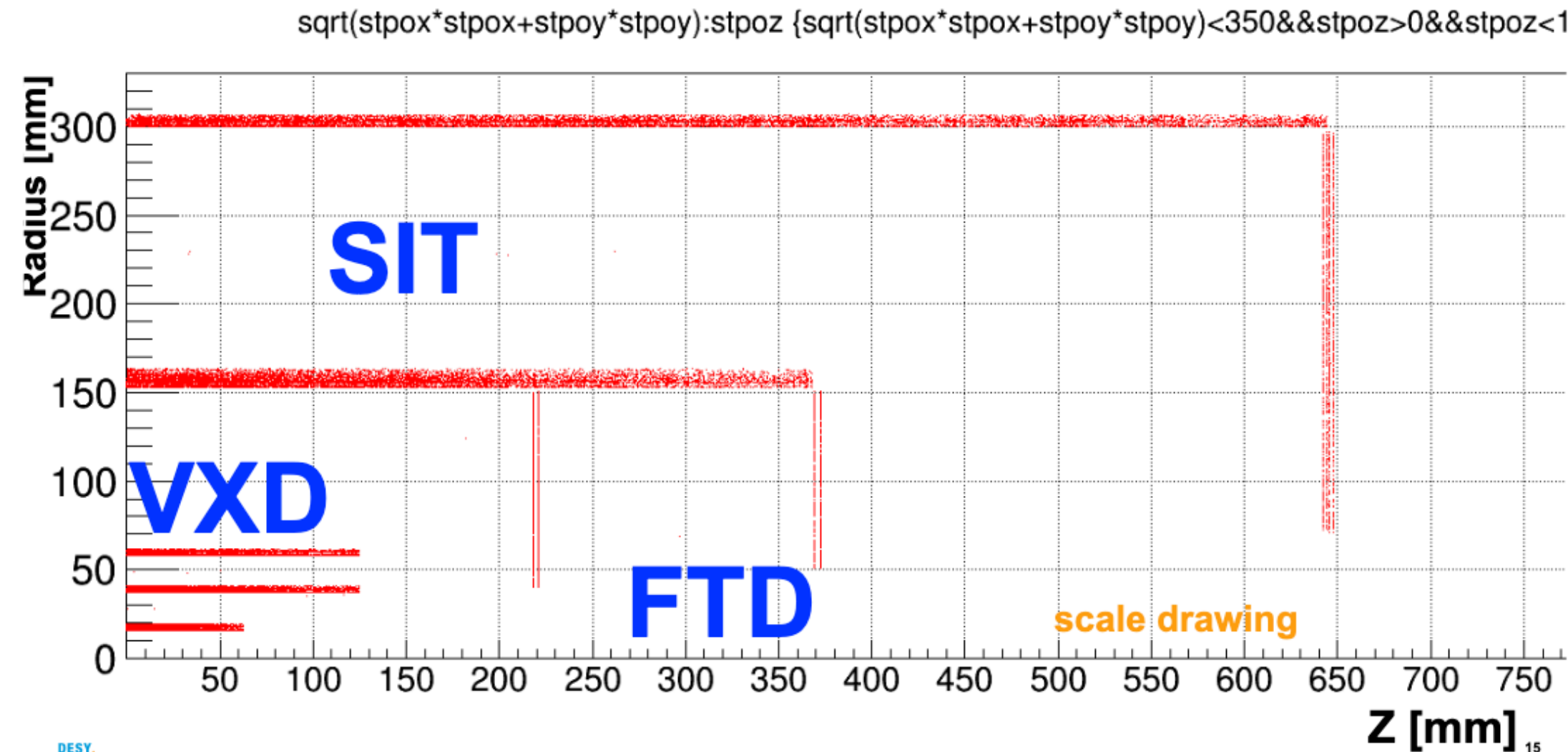
- Example: HNLs
- THUNDERDOME: Totally Hyper-UNrealistic DEtectoR in a huge DOME (maximum distance from IP=100m for comparison)



- Cavern size: $r \sim 15 \text{ m}$ and $z \sim 50 \text{ m}$
- Main detector size = (10m)

Different inner tracker layouts: ILD and CLICdp

In real and conformal space



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Unconventional tracking



Studies at ILD

- **Missing hits in TPC**
- Particles travelling alongside the boundaries generate no hits
- Long distance between first hit and true vertex leads to wrong track parameters!

Virtual volumes in the TPC

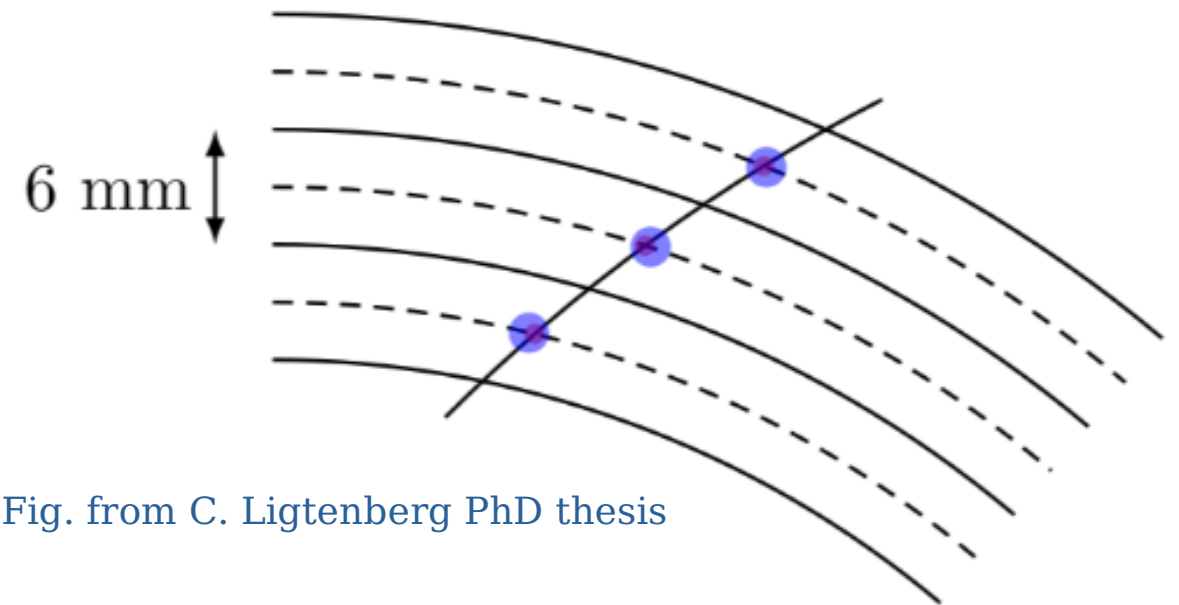
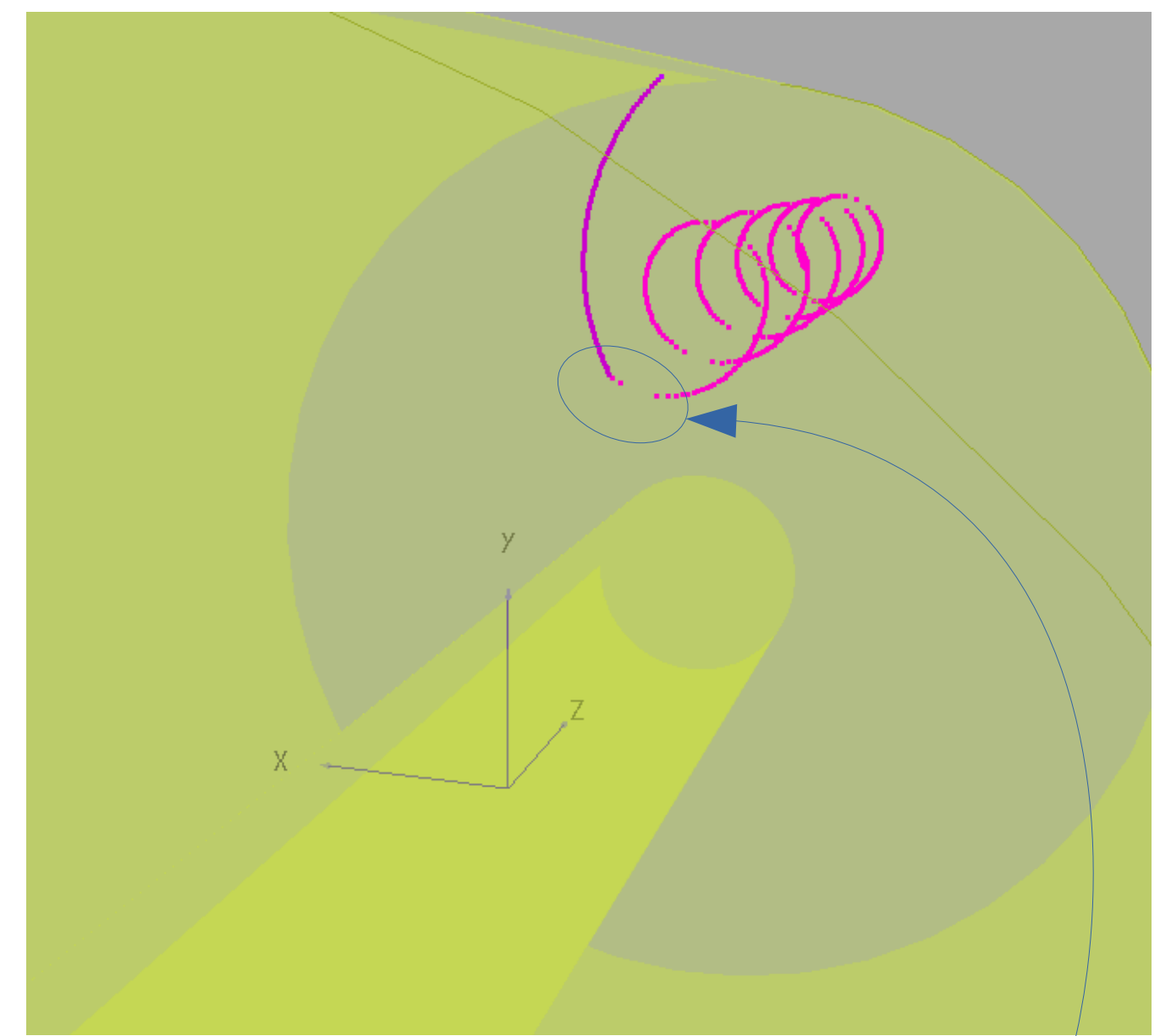


Fig. from C. Ligtenberg PhD thesis

TPC SimTrackerHits

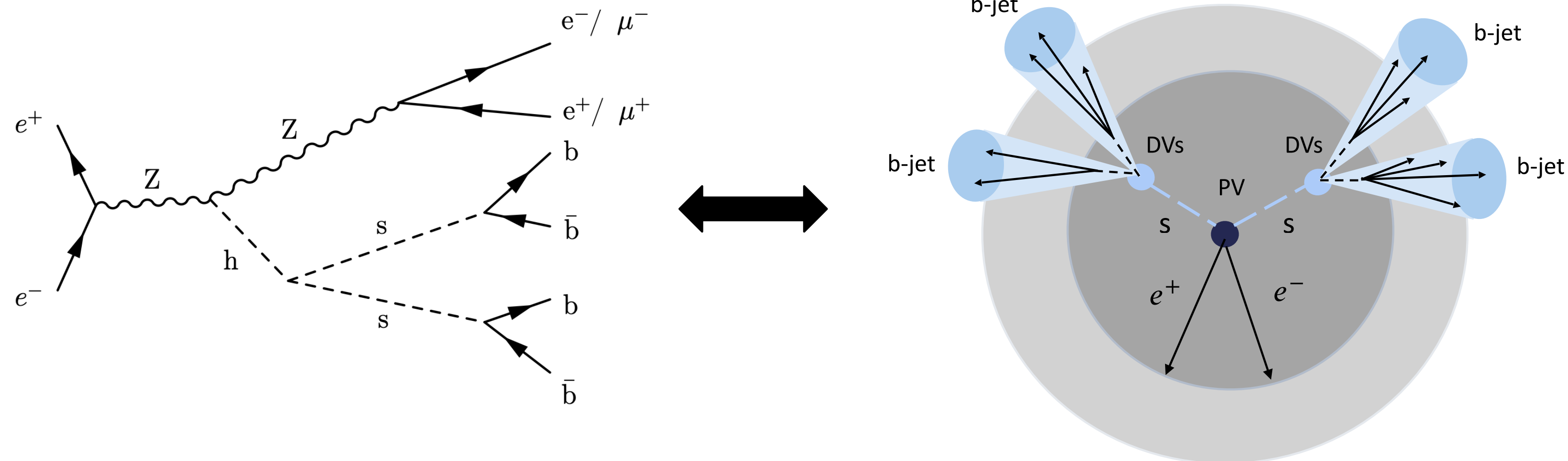


From Jan Klamka 

Exotic Higgs decays to LLPs at FCC-ee

- The Higgs boson can have sizeable couplings to new particles \rightarrow exotic Higgs decays
- Our considered model: SM + scalar ([arXiv:1312.4992](https://arxiv.org/abs/1312.4992), [arXiv:1412.0018](https://arxiv.org/abs/1412.0018))
- The SM Higgs boson (h) and the scalar (s) mix, governed by the mixing angle $\sin \theta$
 - For sufficiently small mixing, the scalar can be long-lived, $c\tau \sim$ meters if $\theta < 1e-6$
- Higgs produced at ZH-stage of FCC-ee with $\sqrt{s} = 240 \text{ GeV}$
- For plots in these slides $L = 5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ (total integrated luminosity considering the old baseline of 2 IPs)
- Signal process: $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh$ with $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ or $\mu^+\mu^-$ and $h \rightarrow ss \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$, probed in events with 2 displaced vertices (DVs) and Z-boson reconstructed from the lepton pair
- Simulations produced using MadGraph v3.4.1 + Pythia8 + DELPHES (fast simulation)

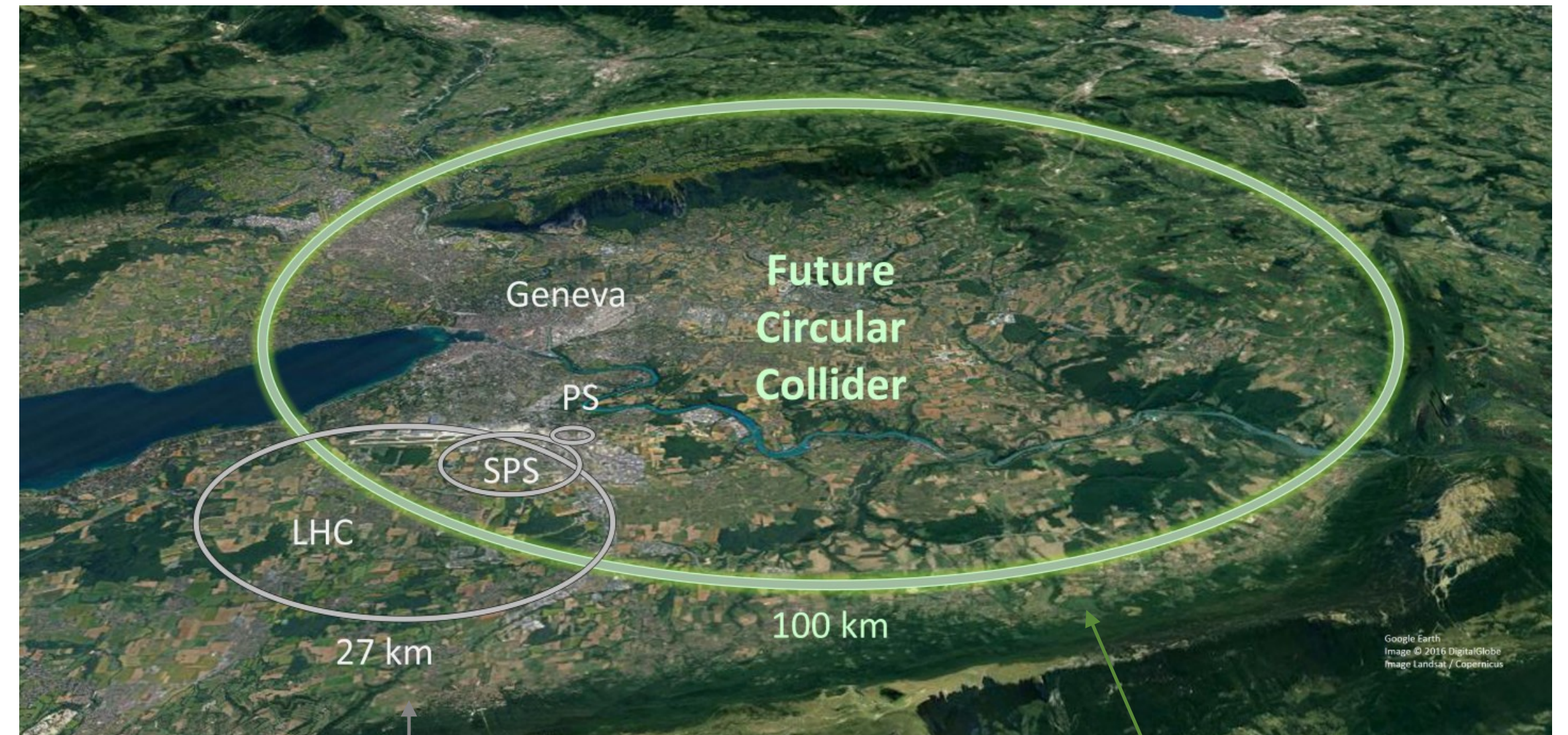
- Considered model parameters:
 - $m_s = 20 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_s = 60 \text{ GeV}$
 - $\sin \theta = 1e-5, 1e-6, 1e-7$, corresponding to mean proper lifetimes $c\tau$ of $O(1 \text{ mm} - 10 \text{ m})$



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The Future Circular Collider (FCC)

- A proposed future accelerator at CERN
- Operate in two stages with physics complementarity:
 - Precision with **FCC-ee**: e^+e^- collisions at four energy stages, i.e an EW, Higgs and top factory at high luminosities
 - Discovery with **FCC-hh**: an energy frontier with hadron collisions at ≥ 100 TeV
- FCC-ee also offers good opportunities for LLP searches!
 - Clean experimental signatures
 - No trigger limitations
 - High luminosity



LHC/LEP:
27 km
91-209 GeV (e^+e^- collisions)
14 TeV (pp collisions)

FCC:
90-100 km
91-365 GeV (e^+e^- collisions)
100 TeV (pp collisions)

Exotic Higgs decays to LLPs at FCC-ee

- The Higgs boson can have sizeable couplings to new particles → exotic Higgs decays
- Our considered model: SM + scalar ([arXiv:1312.4992](#), [arXiv:1412.0018](#))
- There are 3 important free parameters determining the phenomenology:
 - The Higgs-scalar coupling κ , determining the branching ratio of the scalar pair production
 - The mass of the scalar m_s , determining the possible final states of the scalar
 - The mixing angle $\sin \theta$, from mixing between the Higgs boson and the scalar
 - For sufficiently small mixing, the scalar can be long-lived
 - $c\tau \sim \text{meters}$ if $\theta < 1e-6 \rightarrow$ **LLP signature**

$$\mathcal{L}_{SM} \ni \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\mu_s^2 S^2 - \frac{1}{4!}\lambda_s S^4}_{\text{scalar potential}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\kappa S^2 |H|^2}_{\text{portal term}} + \underbrace{\mu^2 |H|^2 - \lambda |H|^4}_{\text{Higgs potential}}$$

- Higgs produced at ZH-stage of FCC-ee with $\sqrt{s} = 240 \text{ GeV}$
- Signal process: $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z h$ with $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ or $\mu^+\mu^-$ and $h \rightarrow ss \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

κ : the Higgs-scalar coupling

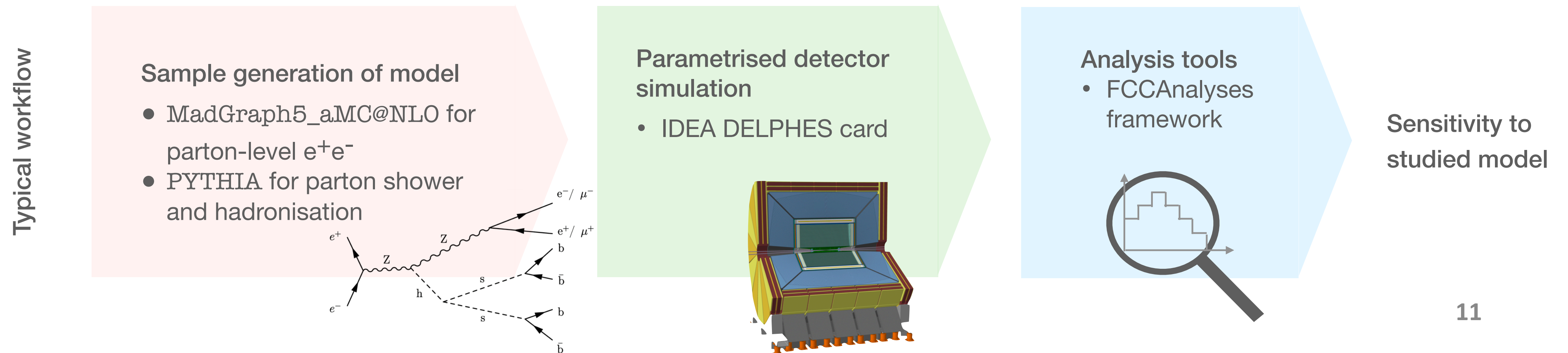
$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow ss) = \frac{\kappa^2 v_h^2}{32\pi m_h \Gamma_h} \sqrt{1 - 4 \frac{m_s^2}{m_h^2}}$$

$$\Gamma(s \rightarrow X_{SM} X_{SM}) = \sin^2 \theta \Gamma(h(m_s) \rightarrow X_{SM} X_{SM})$$

\uparrow $\sin \theta$: the mixing angle \uparrow SM particle

Simulation of the signal

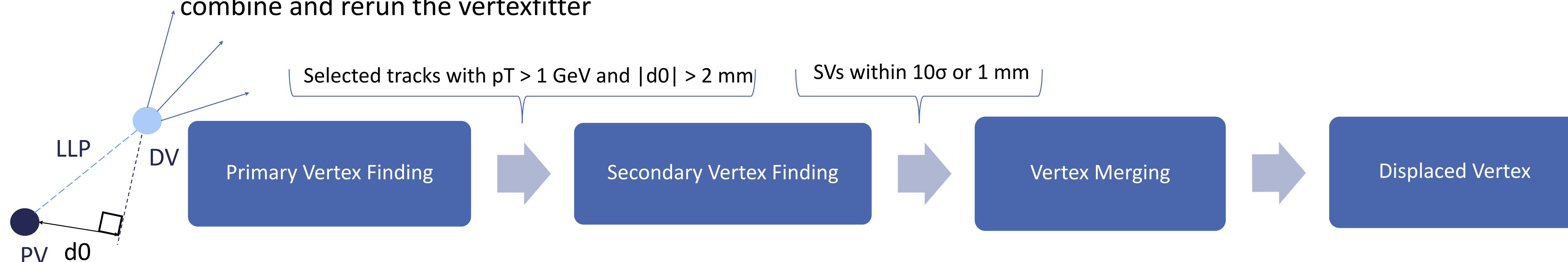
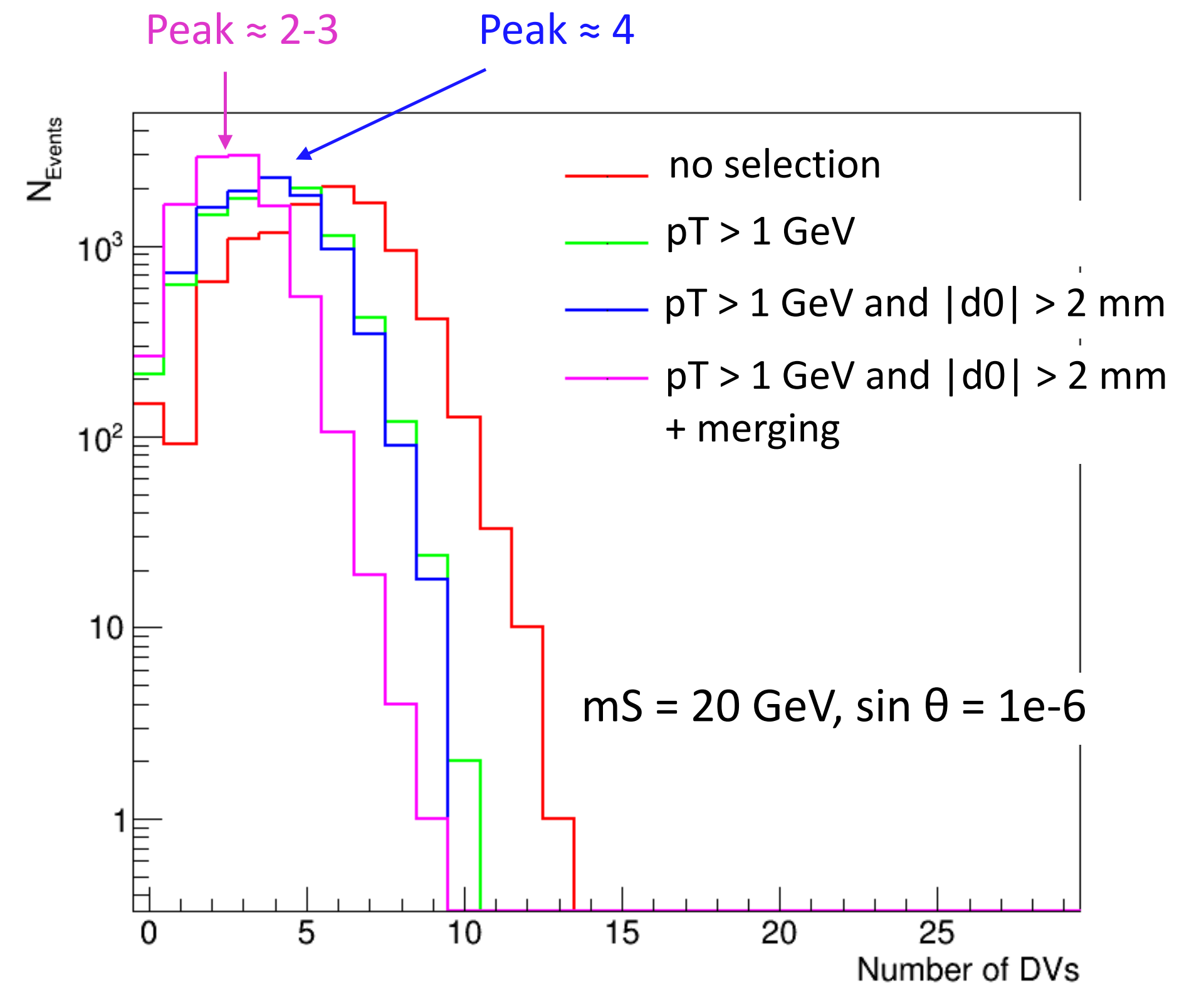
- Generated signal samples: $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh, Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ or $\mu^+\mu^-$, $h \rightarrow ss \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$
 - Privately produced using MadGraph v3.4.1 + Pythia8 + DELPHES (fast simulation)
 - With the MadGraph5 HAHM ([arXiv:1312.4992](https://arxiv.org/abs/1312.4992), [arXiv:1412.0018](https://arxiv.org/abs/1412.0018)) and the spring2021 IDEA DELPHES card
- Parameters:
 - $\sqrt{s} = 240 \text{ GeV}$ and $L = 5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ (total integrated luminosity considering the old baseline of 2 Interaction Points)
 - $m_s = 20 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_s = 60 \text{ GeV}$
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 - $\kappa = 1e-3$



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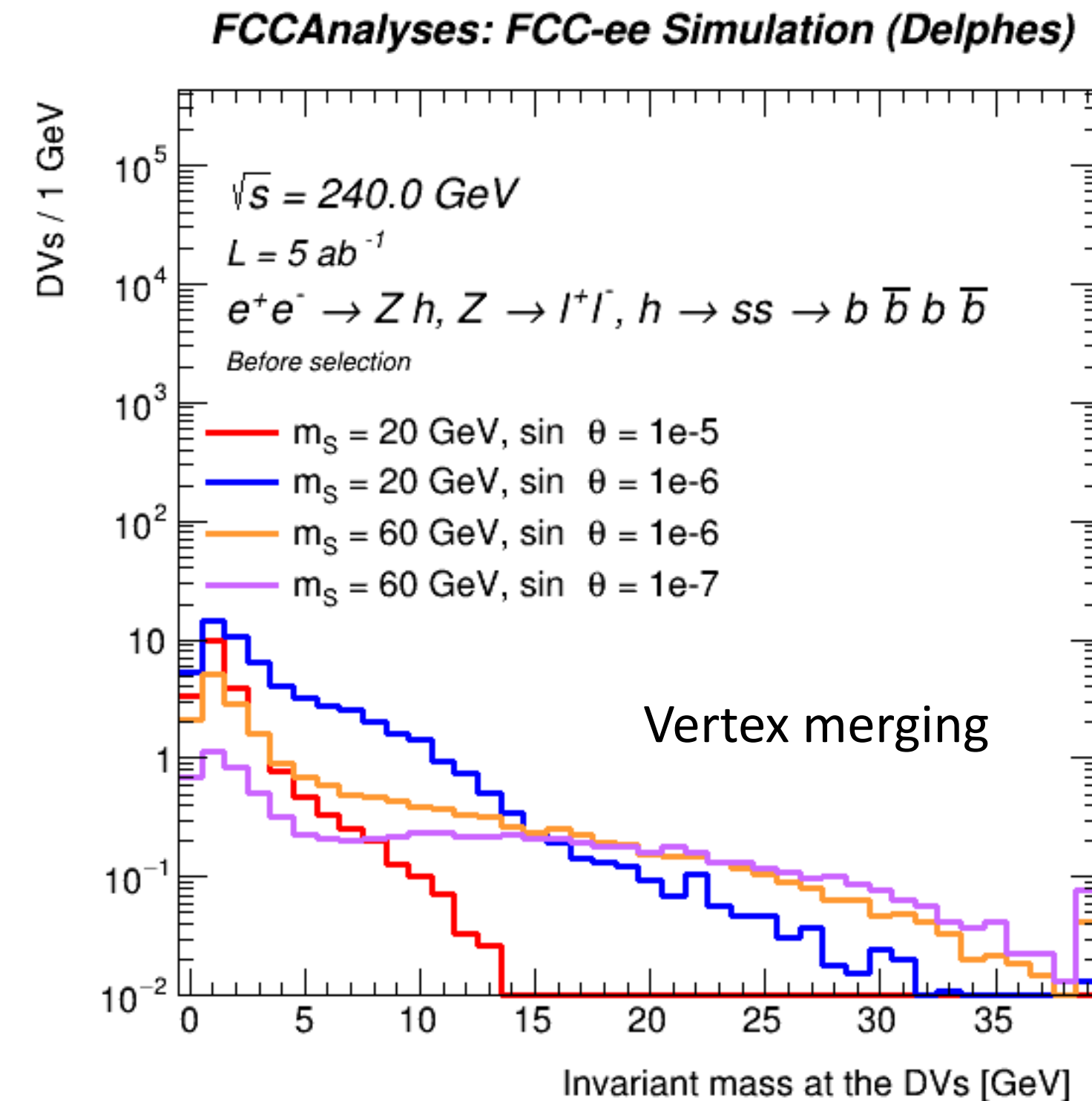
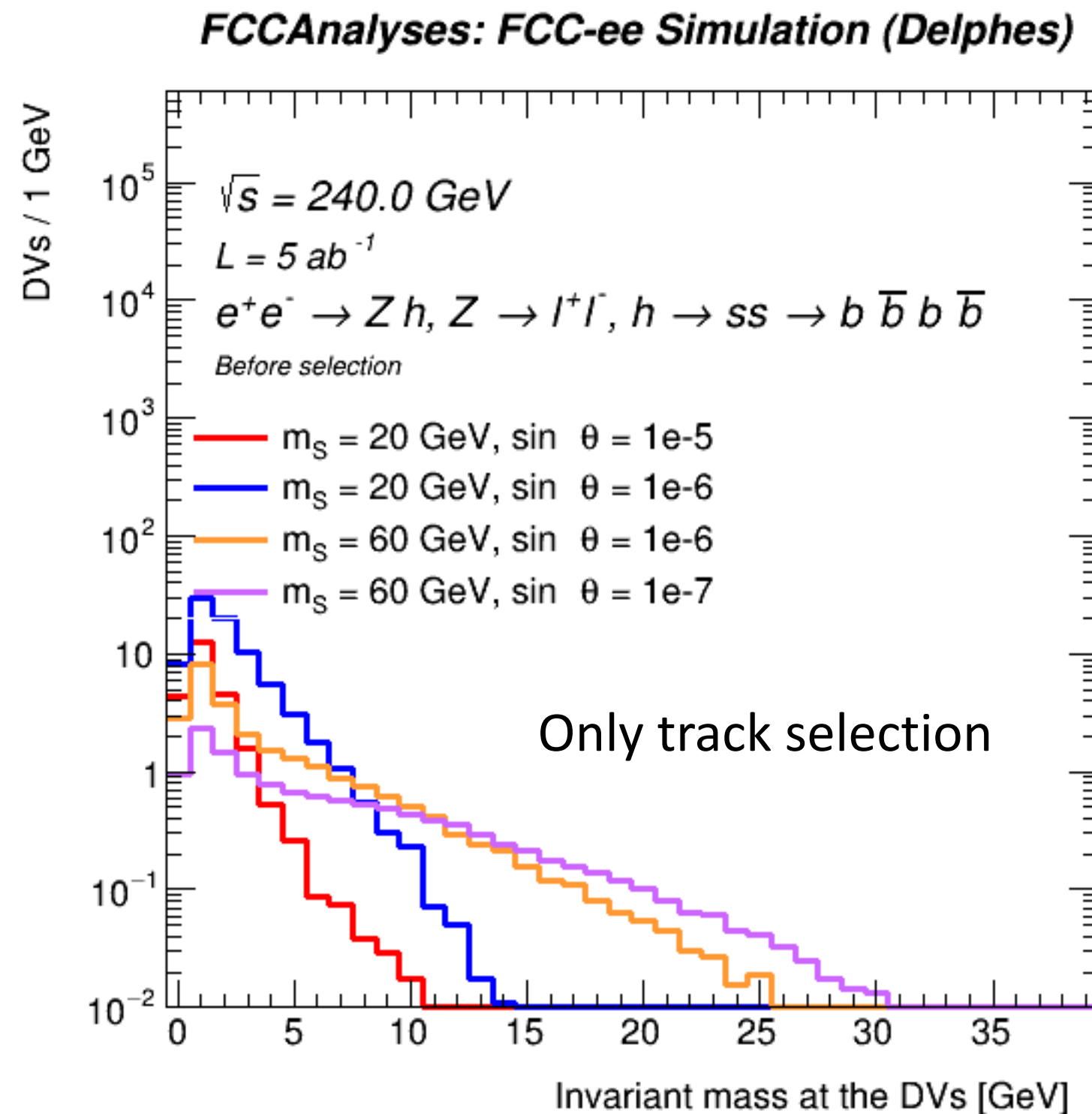
Displaced Vertex reconstruction

- Two options of DV reconstruction implemented and tested, using current tools in the FCCAnalyses framework with extra constraints and functions inspired by ATLAS DV reconstruction ([cds](#))
- SV finder of the LCFI+ algorithm ([arXiv:1506.08371](#)), primarily used for flavour-tagging jets (see more in [backup](#))
 - Track selection: $p_T > 1$ GeV and $|d_0| > 2$ mm
 - Inputs for vertex seed: $M_{inv} < 40$ GeV and $\chi^2 < 9$
 - Vertexing: $\chi^2 < 5$ for adding track to vertex seed
- Added vertex merging in attempt to reconstruct the scalar DVs
 - Compare the vertices positions pair-wise and merge if they are within 10σ (σ = error of vertex position) or 1 mm
 - Merging done by taking the associated tracks of the merged vertices, combine and rerun the vertexfitter



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Invariant mass at the DVs



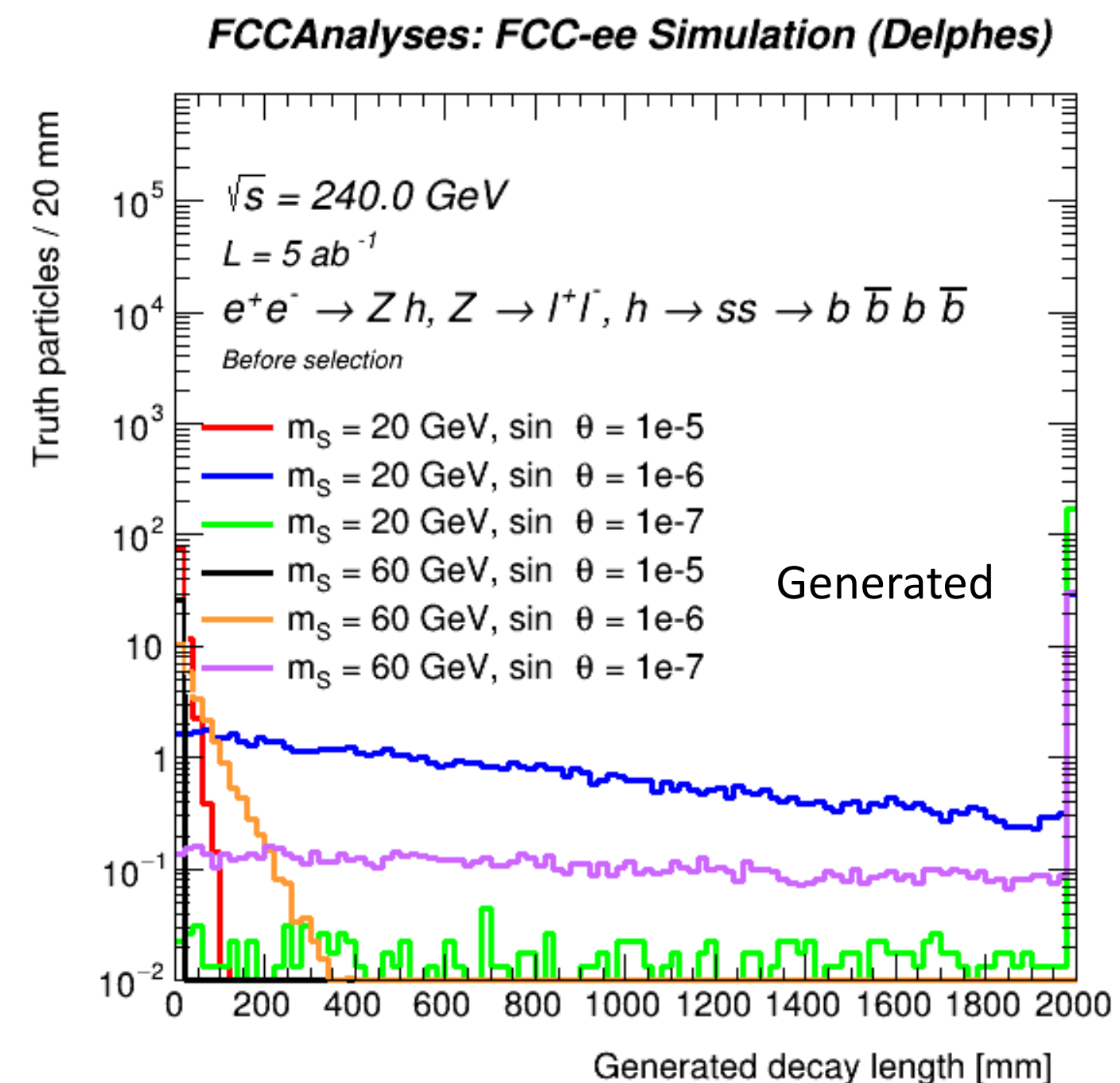
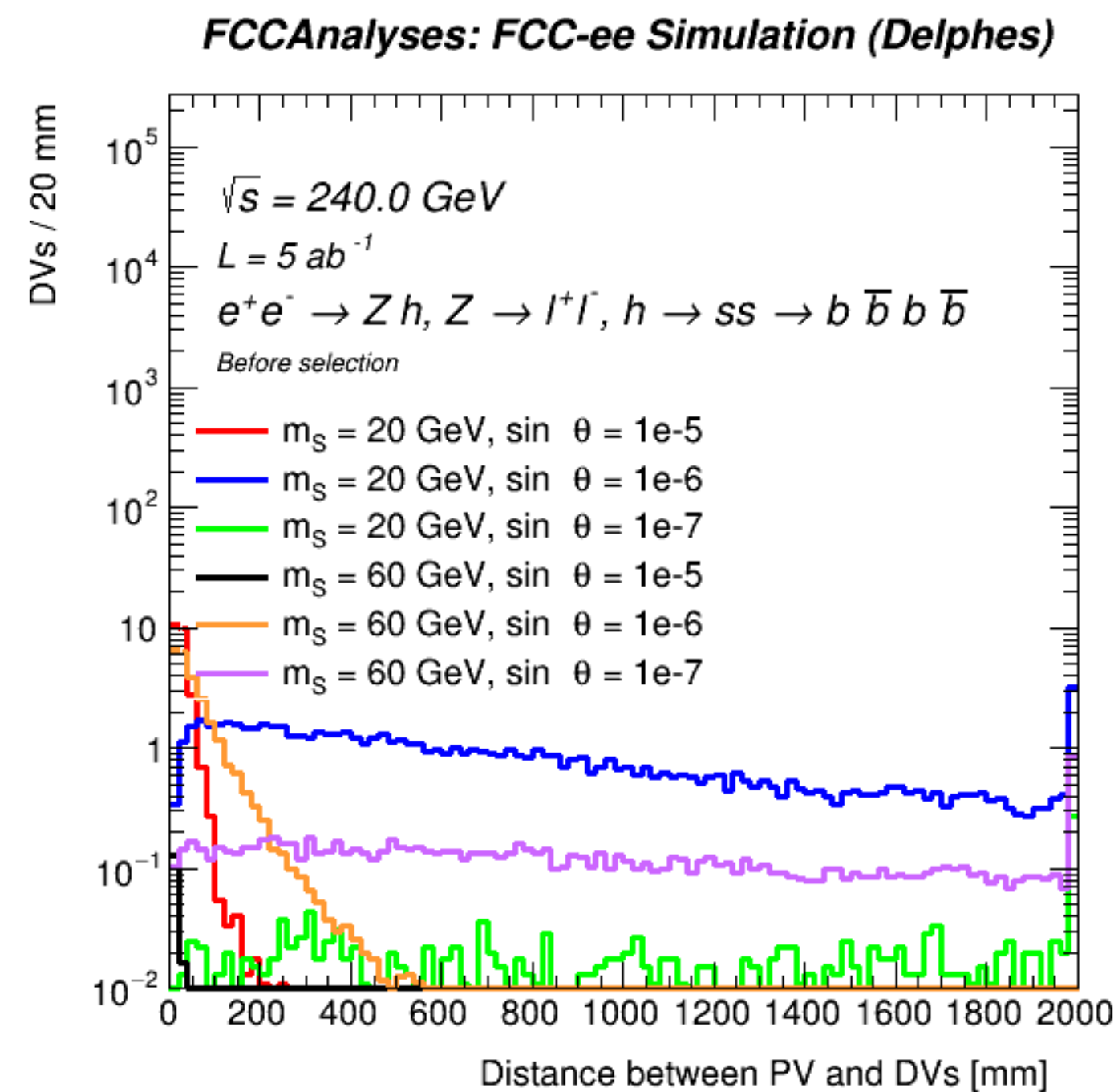
- Usually a good discriminating variable between a DV from an LLP and a fake vertex
- Invariant mass at vertex calculated assuming all tracks to come from pions, this only captures the charged component of the jet fragmentation → expected peak around half of the particle's mass
- More of a structure around higher masses for the merged vertices but no clear peaks
- Tradeoff between goodness-of-fit and invariant mass → no vertex merging at this stage, more truth studies needed!

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Distance from PV to the DVs

- Usually a good discriminating variable between signal and SM background
- The reconstructed quantity nicely follows the generated quantity
- $m_s = 20 \text{ GeV}, \sin \theta = 1e-5$, $m_s = 20 \text{ GeV}, \sin \theta = 1e-6$, $m_s = 60 \text{ GeV}, \sin \theta = 1e-7$ and $m_s = 60 \text{ GeV}, \sin \theta = 1e-6$ good for the analysis!
- $m_s = 60 \text{ GeV}, \sin \theta = 1e-5$ is too short lived to be properly reconstructed with the DV algorithm
- $m_s = 20 \text{ GeV}, \sin \theta = 1e-7$ might be too long-lived to have enough DVs within DCH (the tracker volume)

Reconstructed DVs with custom track selection



Vertex reconstruction, further reading

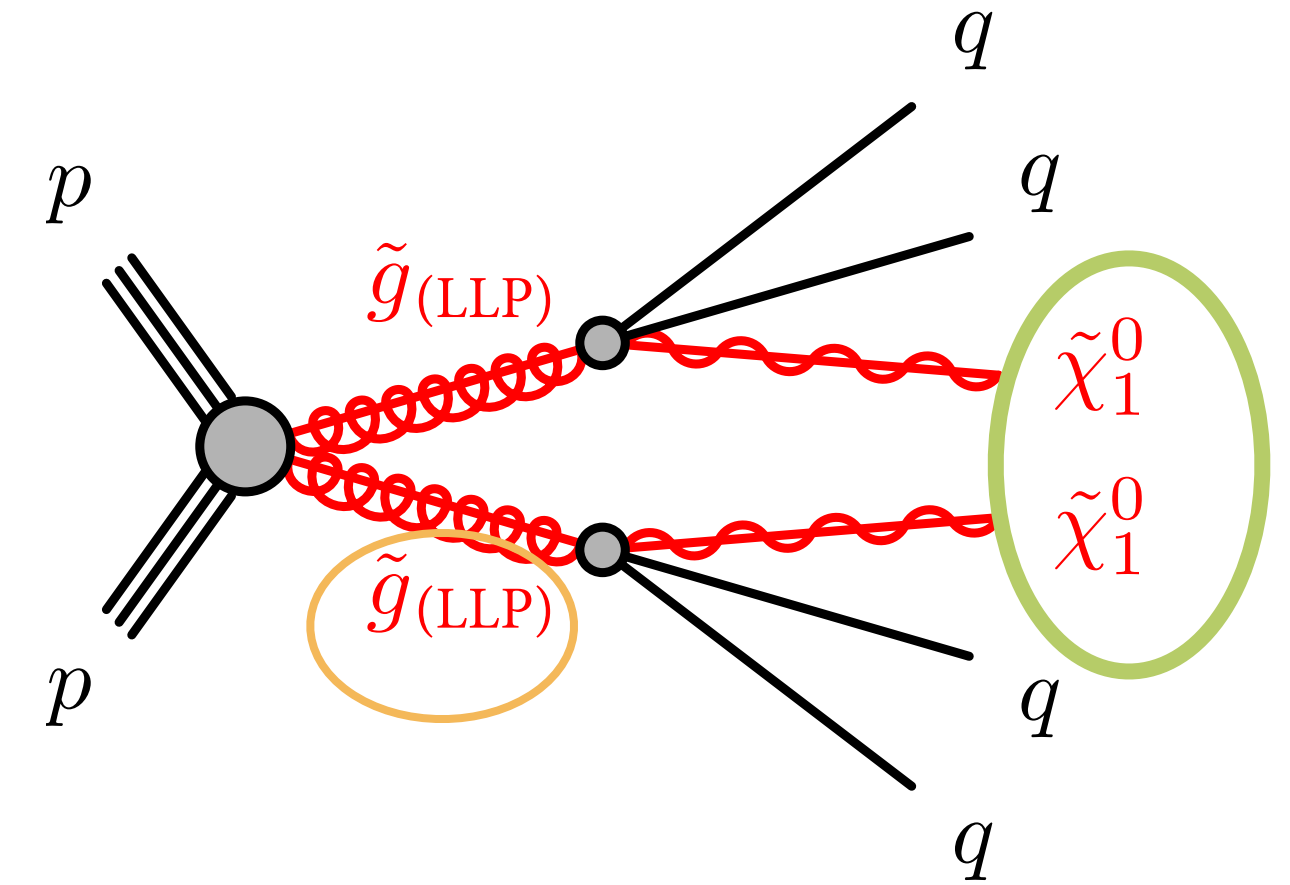
- More details in thesis: [DiVA](#)
- LCFIPlus: A Framework for Jet Analysis in Linear Collider Studies: [arXiv:1506.08371](#)
- FCCAnalyses framework vertex reconstruction: [GitHub](#)

Charged LLPs Large dE/dx

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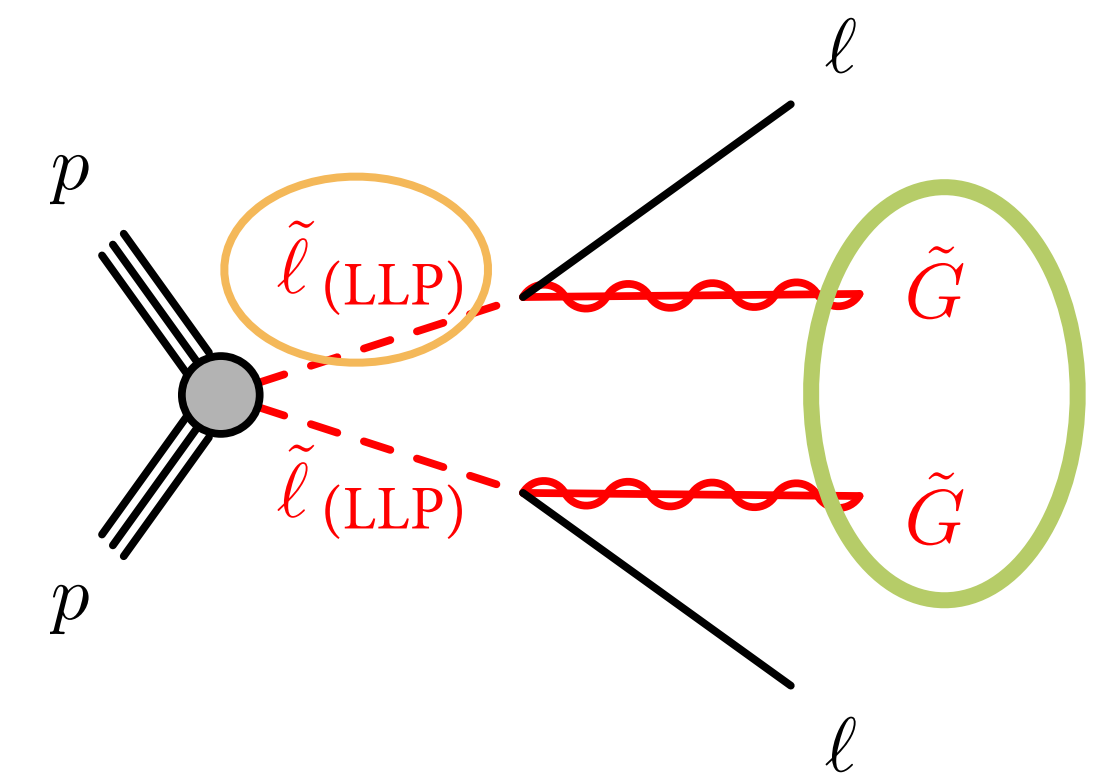


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- isolated tracks with high transverse momenta (p_T) and anomalously large specific ionisation losses (dE/dx)
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- Fully data-driven background estimation!

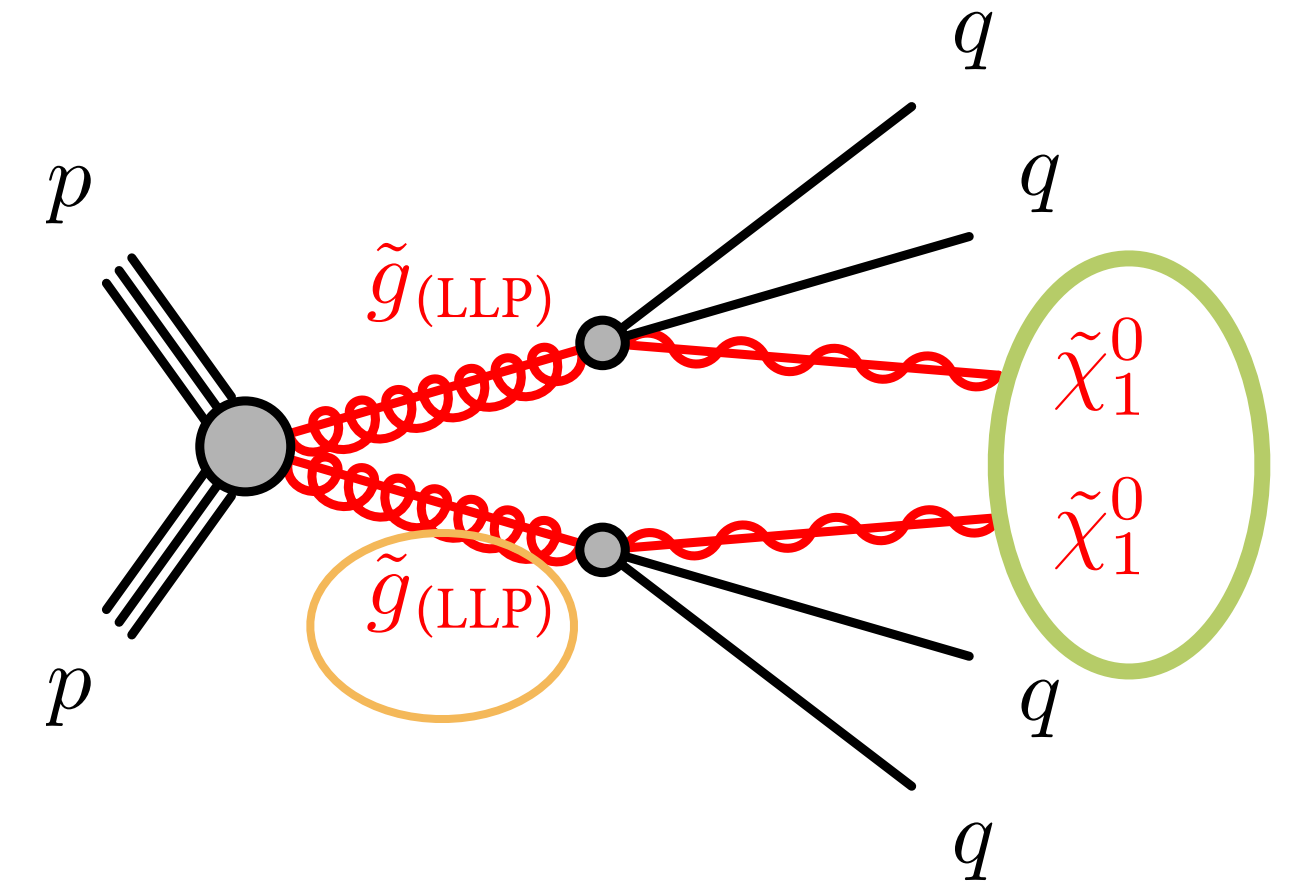


High p_T track with large dE/dx

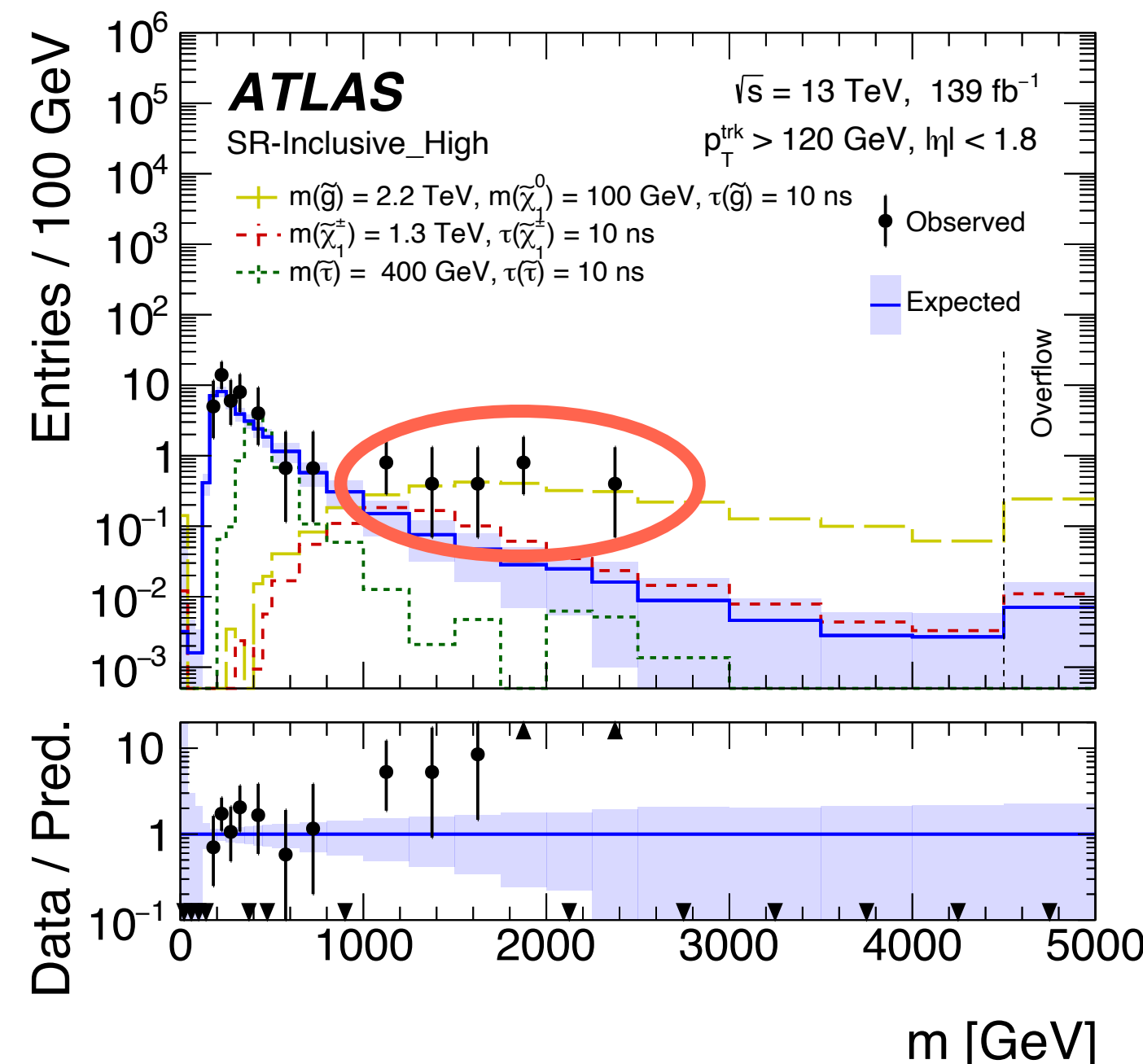
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Target mass [GeV]	Mass window [GeV]	Region bin					
		Exp.	Obs.	p_0	Z_{local}	$S_{exp.}^{95}$	$S_{obs.}^{95}$
lifetime							
200	[120, 225]	5.6 ± 0.7	7	2.65×10^{-1}	0.6	$6.3^{+2.5}_{-1.7}$	7.8
300	[200, 350]	9.2 ± 0.8	14	7.11×10^{-2}	1.5	$7.6^{+3.0}_{-2.1}$	12.5
400	[300, 500]	5.8 ± 0.4	6	4.39×10^{-1}	0.1	$6.1^{+2.5}_{-1.8}$	6.5
450	[350, 600]	5.1 ± 0.4	3	5.00×10^{-1}	0.0	$6.0^{+2.2}_{-1.6}$	4.6
500	[400, 700]	4.3 ± 0.4	4	5.00×10^{-1}	0.0	$5.4^{+2.2}_{-1.3}$	5.2
550	[400, 800]	4.8 ± 0.4	4	5.00×10^{-1}	0.0	$5.8^{+2.5}_{-1.8}$	5.4
600	[450, 900]	3.91 ± 0.31	2	5.00×10^{-1}	0.0	$5.5^{+2.2}_{-1.6}$	4.0
650	[500, 1000]	3.22 ± 0.31	2	5.00×10^{-1}	0.0	$5.2^{+1.9}_{-1.6}$	4.4
700	[550, 1100]	2.64 ± 0.31	2	5.00×10^{-1}	0.0	$4.7^{+1.9}_{-1.0}$	4.3
800	[600, 1200]	2.22 ± 0.24	3	2.86×10^{-1}	0.6	$4.5^{+1.8}_{-1.0}$	5.5
900	[650, 1400]	2.0 ± 0.3	4	9.74×10^{-2}	1.3	$4.3^{+1.6}_{-0.9}$	6.8
1000	[700, 1850]	1.9 ± 0.5	4	9.01×10^{-2}	1.3	$4.1^{+1.9}_{-0.7}$	7.0
1200	[800, 2400]	1.5 ± 0.7	6	9.10×10^{-3}	2.4	$4.0^{+1.6}_{-0.8}$	10.0
1400	[900, 2900]	1.1 ± 0.7	7	2.08×10^{-3}	2.9	$4.0^{+1.4}_{-0.7}$	11.5
1600	[1000, 3450]	0.9 ± 0.5	7	6.03×10^{-4}	3.2	$3.6^{+1.5}_{-0.5}$	11.8
1800	[1100, 4000]	0.8 ± 0.6	7	8.87×10^{-4}	3.1	$3.5^{+1.1}_{-0.2}$	11.9
2000	[1200, 4600]	0.6 ± 0.5	5	4.92×10^{-3}	2.6	$3.1^{+1.1}_{-0.1}$	9.4



3.6 σ excess!!

Is this New Physics???

Maybe, though... from the TOF of these events indicate that **none of the candidate tracks** are from charged particles moving significantly **slower than the speed of light** 😞

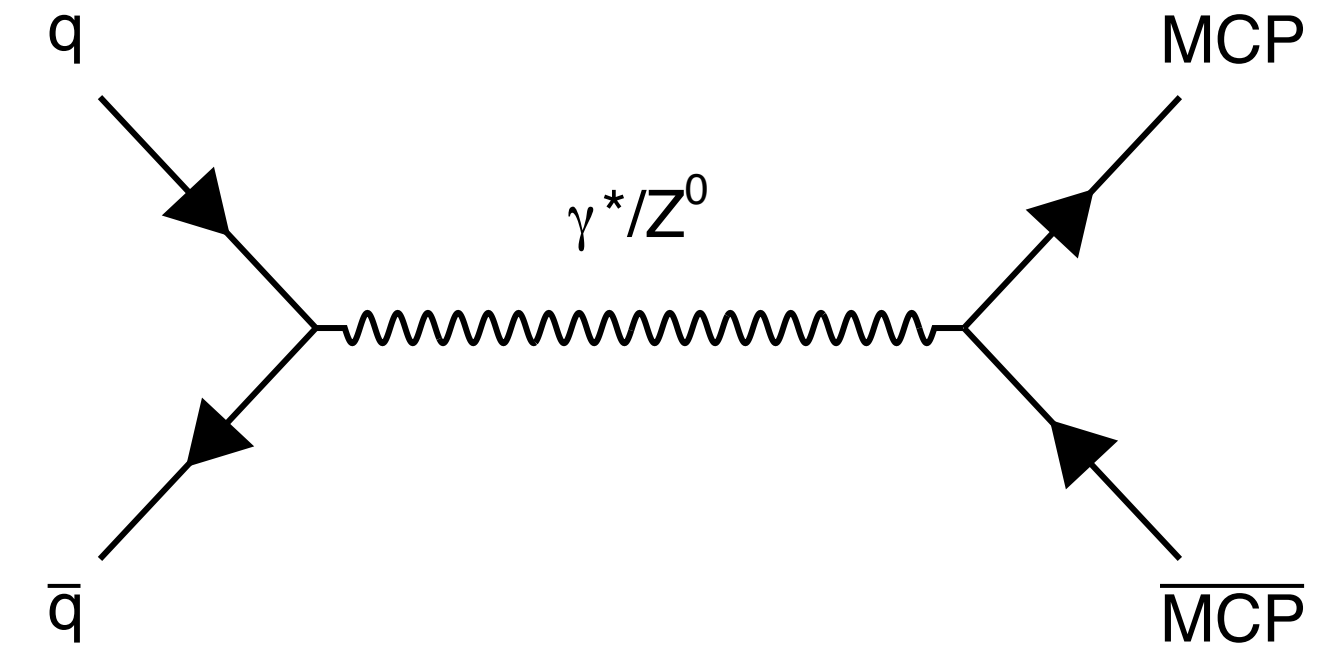
CMS doing a similar analysis
Analysis will be repeated in Run 3!

Multicharged particles

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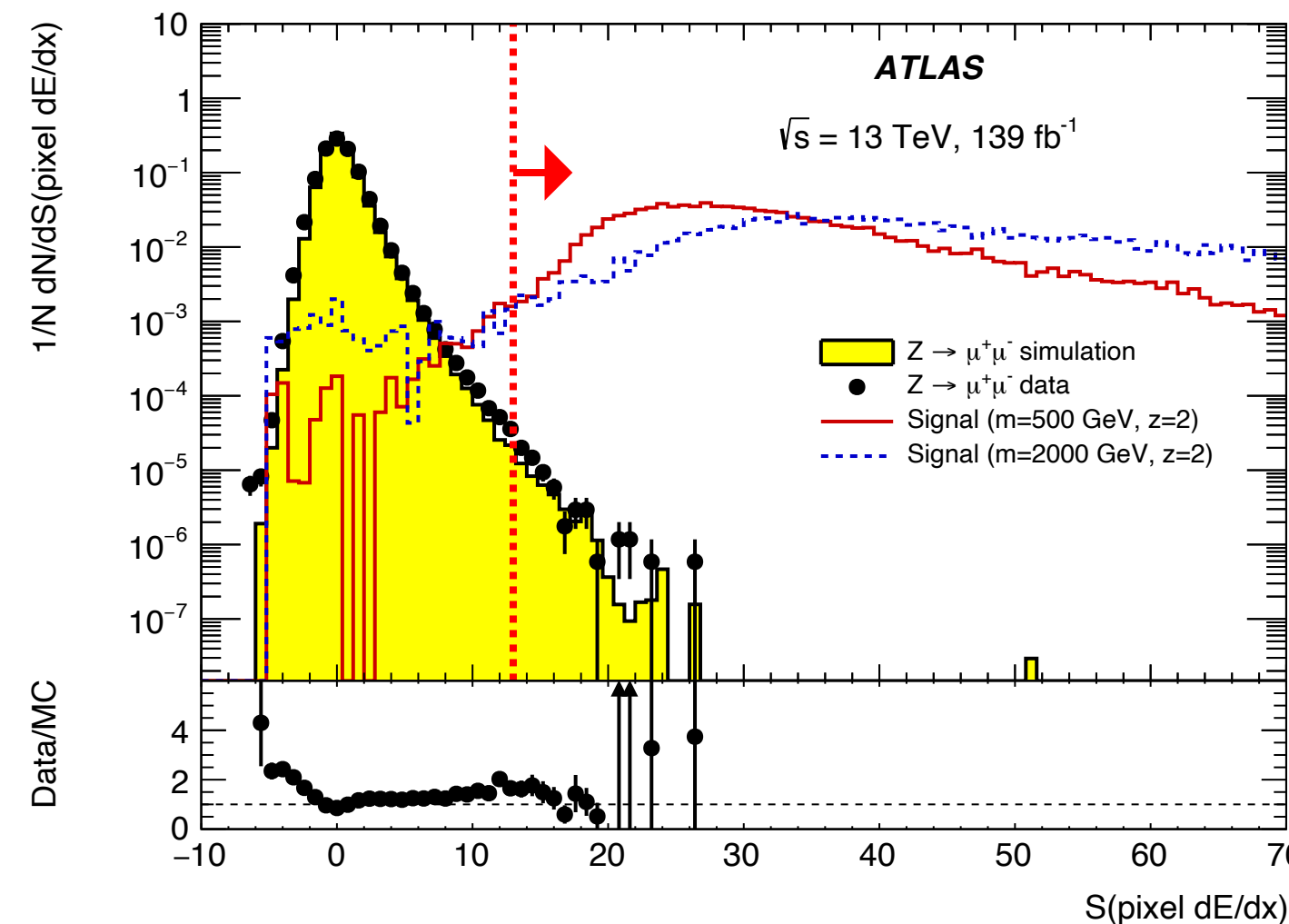


- Search for heavy long-lived multi-charged particles (MCP) with high ionization (higher electric charges and lower velocities)
 - mass range from 500 to 2000 GeV with electric charges from $|q| = 2e$ to $|q| = 7e$
 - live long enough to traverse the entire ATLAS detector

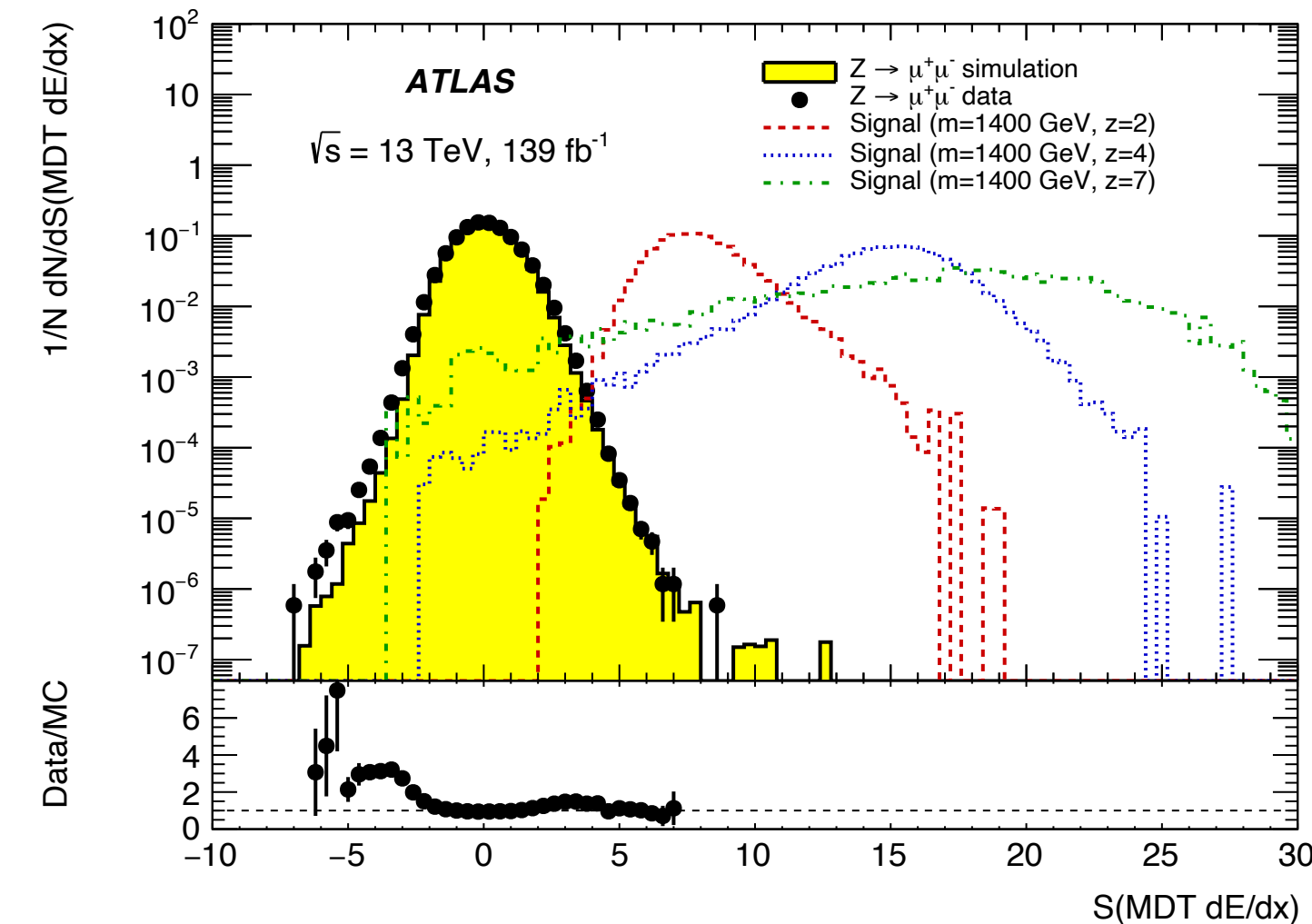


- Triggers: Muon, MET, late-muon trigger
- Select high- p_T muon-like tracks with high dE/dx values in several subdetector systems: pixel ID, TRT, MDT
 - significance: comparing dE/dx with the average value for a highly relativistic muon

$z=2$



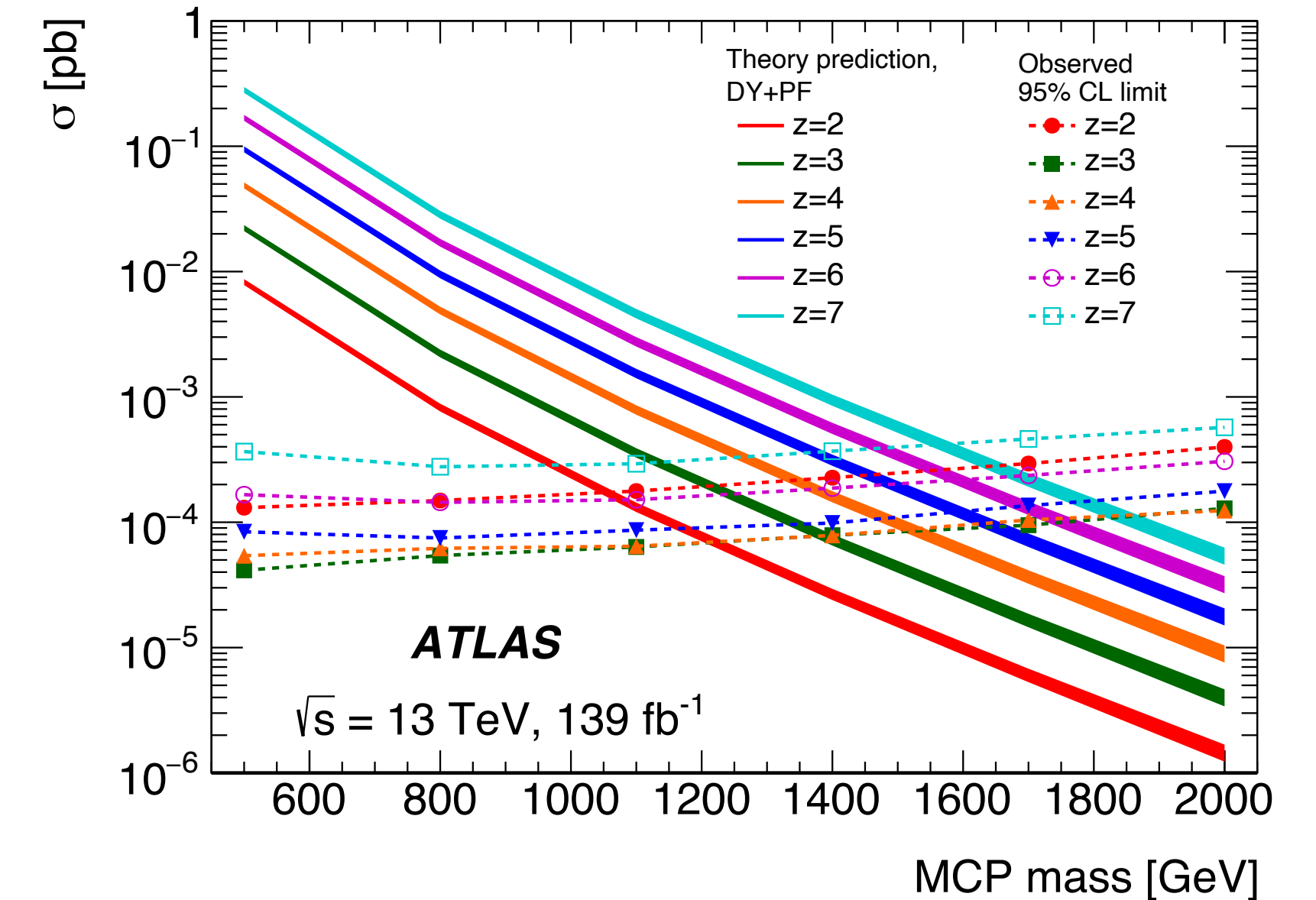
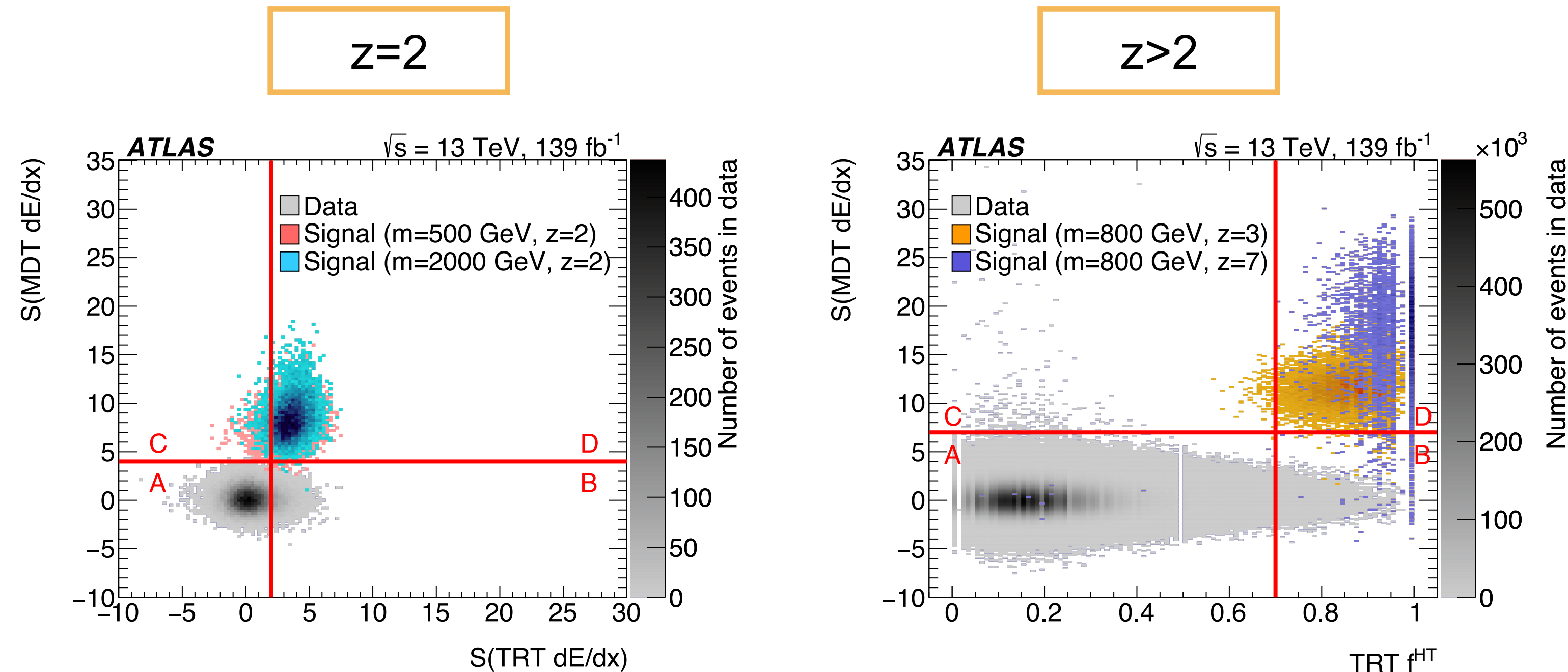
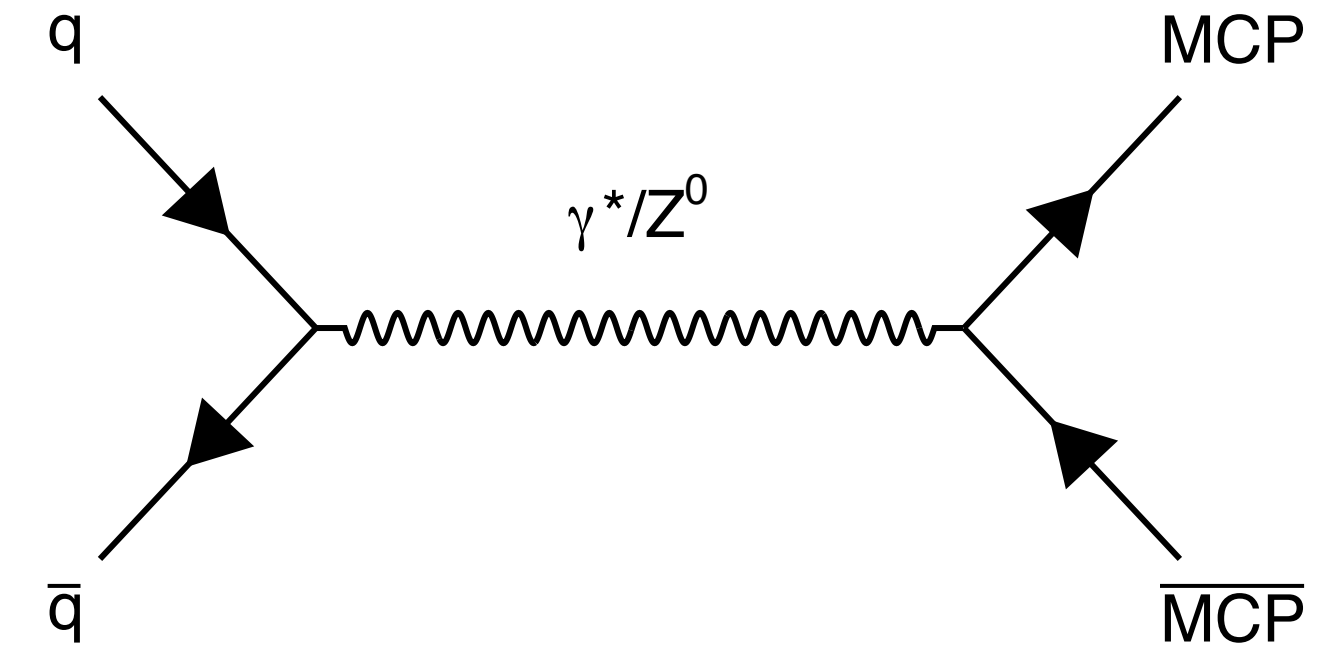
$z > 2$



Multicharged particles

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- Background mainly consists of:
 - high- p_T muon reconstructed from several muons losing their energy in the same detector elements
 - sporadic-noise
- All background estimated by using a data-driven technique.



- $|q| = 2e$ particles excluded for $m < 1060 \text{ GeV}$
- $|q| = 6e$ particles excluded for $m < 1600 \text{ GeV}$